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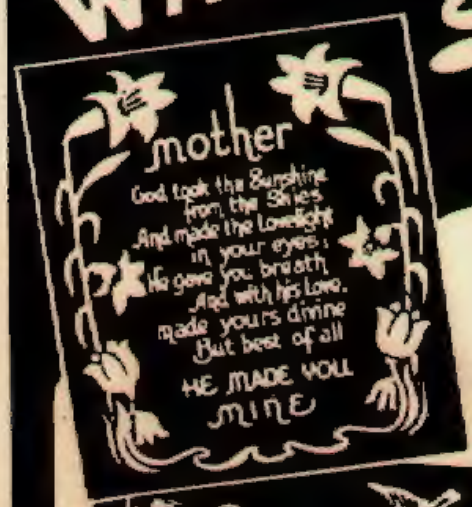
mother
God took the Sunshine from the Skies
And made the Lovelight in your eyes;
He gave you breath
And with his Love,
made yours divine
But best of all
HE MADE YOU MINE

CHILD'S PRAYER
Now I Lay me down To Sleep.
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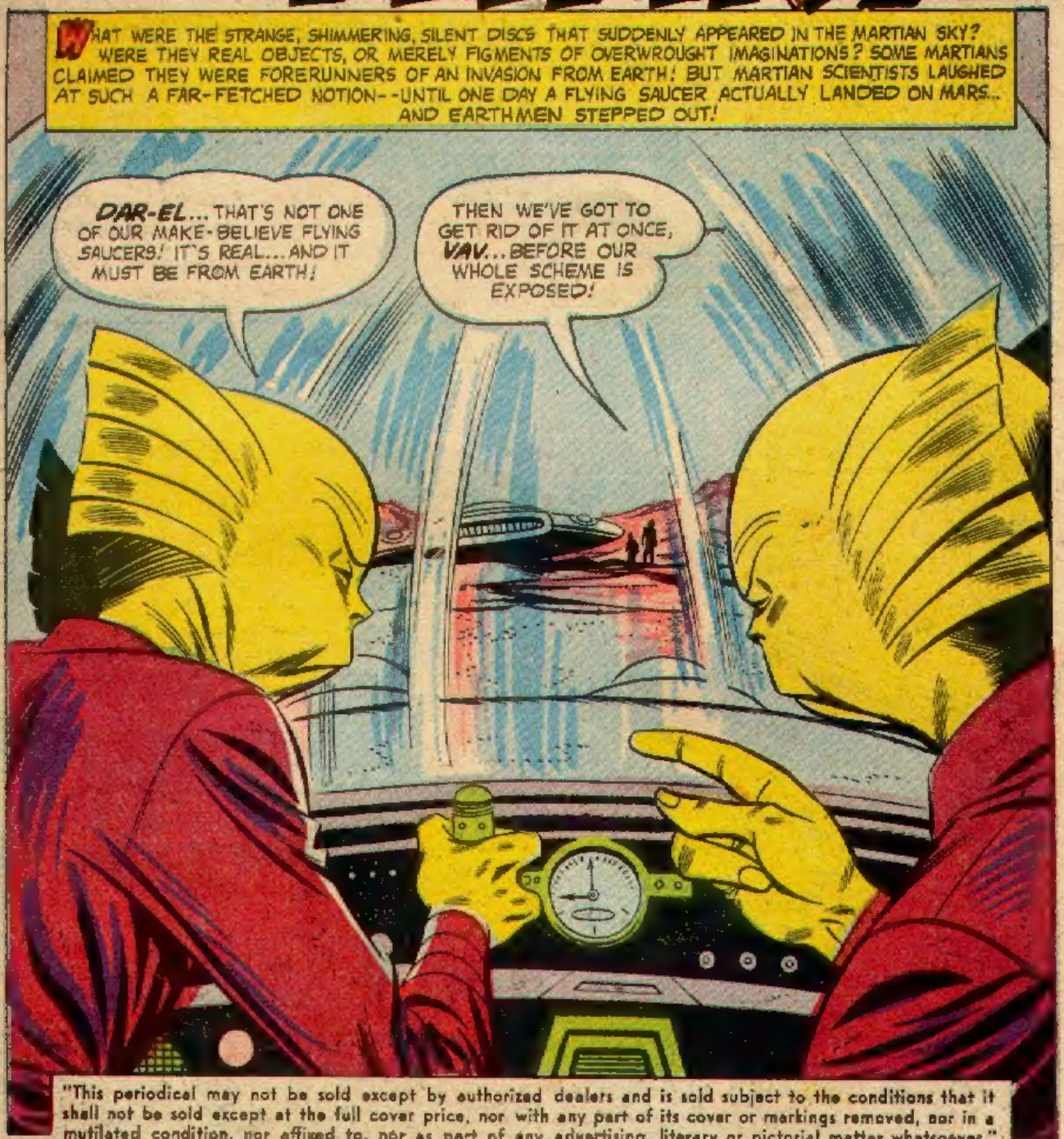
WHAT WERE THE STRANGE, SHIMMERING, SILENT DISCS THAT SUDDENLY APPEARED IN THE MARTIAN SKY? WERE THEY REAL OBJECTS, OR MERELY FIGMENTS OF OVERWROUGHT IMAGINATIONS? SOME MARTIANS CLAIMED THEY WERE FORERUNNERS OF AN INVASION FROM EARTH! BUT MARTIAN SCIENTISTS LAUGHED AT SUCH A FAR-FETCHED NOTION--UNTIL ONE DAY A FLYING SAUCER ACTUALLY LANDED ON MARS... AND EARTHMEN STEPPED OUT!


DAR-EL... THAT'S NOT ONE OF OUR MAKE-BELIEVE FLYING SAUCERS! IT'S REAL... AND IT MUST BE FROM EARTH!
THEN WE'VE GOT TO GET RID OF IT AT ONCE, VAV... BEFORE OUR WHOLE SCHEME IS EXPOSED!

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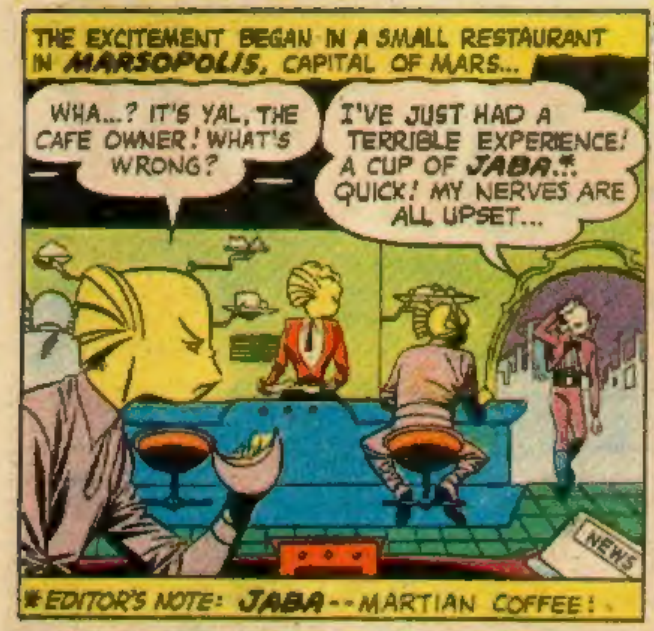
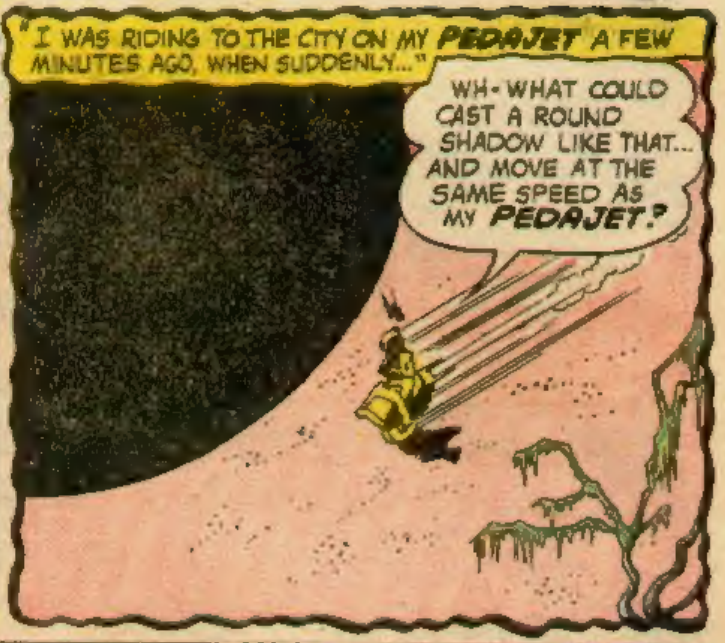
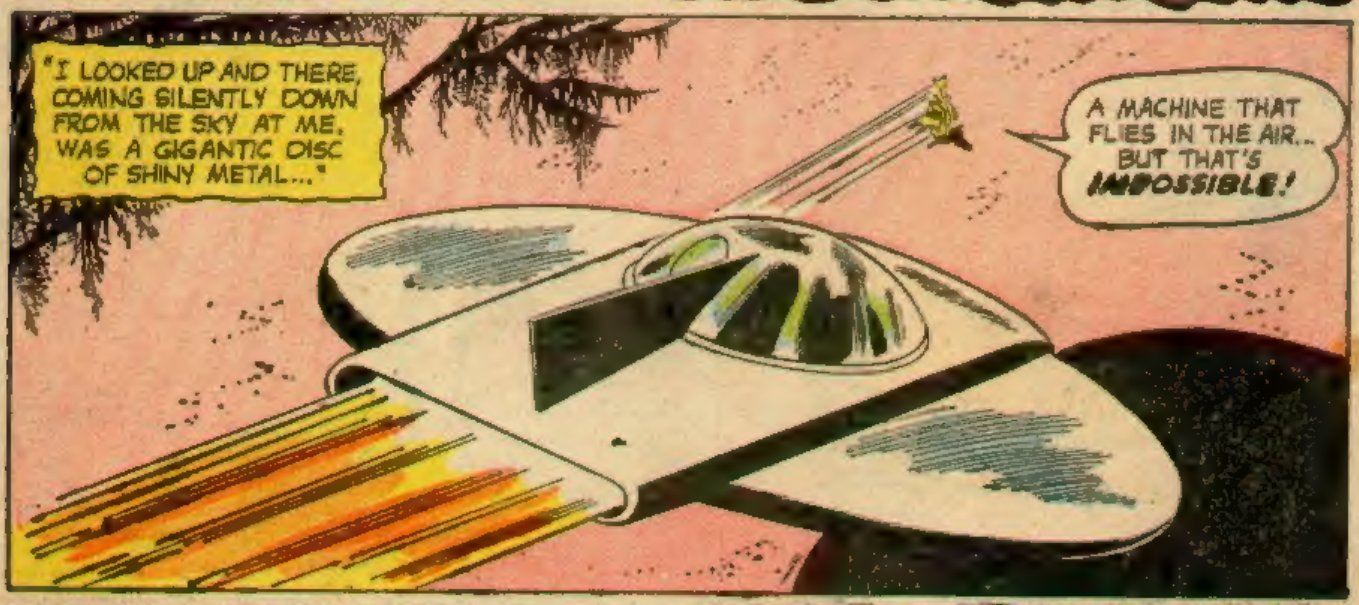
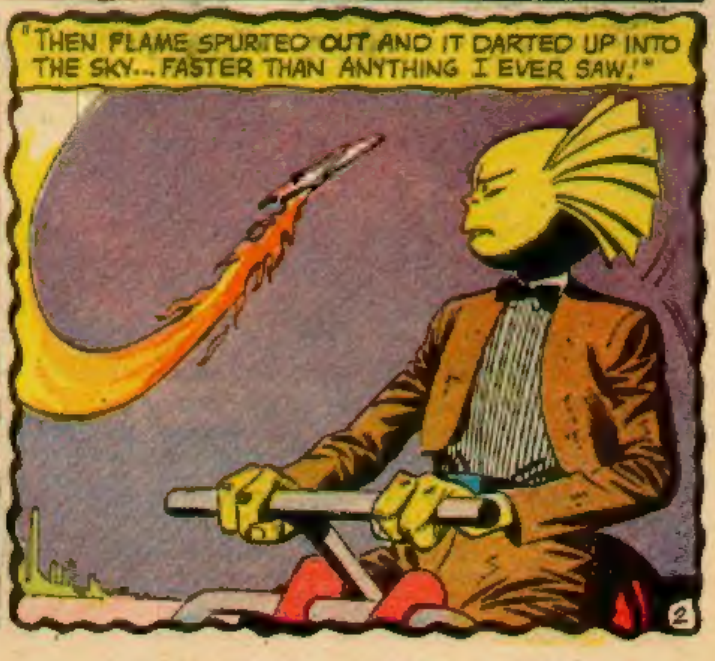

THE EXCITEMENT BEGAN IN A SMALL RESTAURANT IN MARSOPOLIS, CAPITAL OF MARS...
WHA...? IT'S YAL, THE CAFE OWNER! WHAT'S WRONG?
I'VE JUST HAD A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE! A CUP OF JABA.*. QUICK! MY NERVES ARE ALL UPSET...
NEWS
*EDITOR'S NOTE: JABA--MARTIAN COFFEE!


"I WAS RIDING TO THE CITY ON MY PEDAJET A FEW MINUTES AGO, WHEN SUDDENLY..."
WH-WHAT COULD CAST A ROUND SHADOW LIKE THAT... AND MOVE AT THE SAME SPEED AS MY PEDAJET?


"I LOOKED UP AND THERE, COMING SILENTLY DOWN FROM THE SKY AT ME, WAS A GIGANTIC DISC OF SHINY METAL..."
A MACHINE THAT FLIES IN THE AIR... BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

"I SPEEDED UP! THE THING DRIFTED RIGHT OVER ME WITHOUT A SOUND... AS IF SOMEONE INSIDE WAS STUDYING ME!"
GOT TO GET AWAY FROM... IT!


"THEN FLAME SPURTED OUT AND IT DARTED UP INTO THE SKY... FASTER THAN ANYTHING I EVER SAW!"
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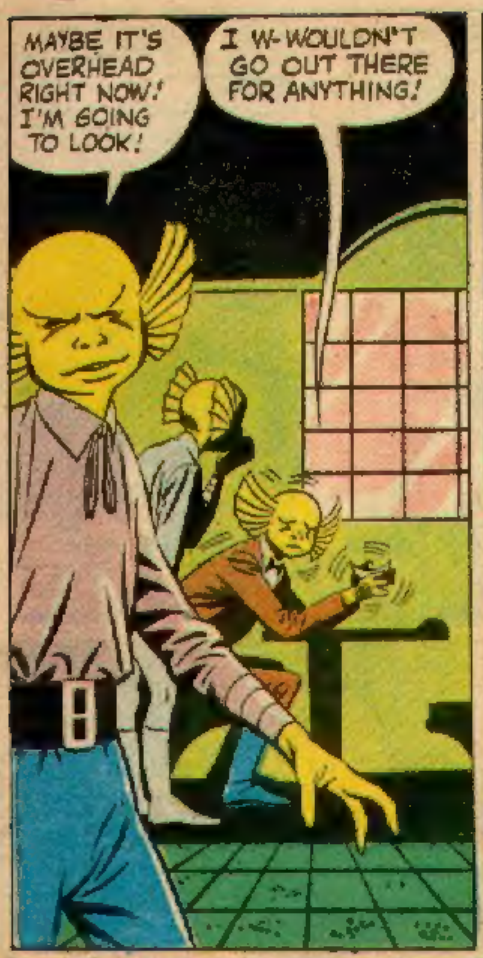
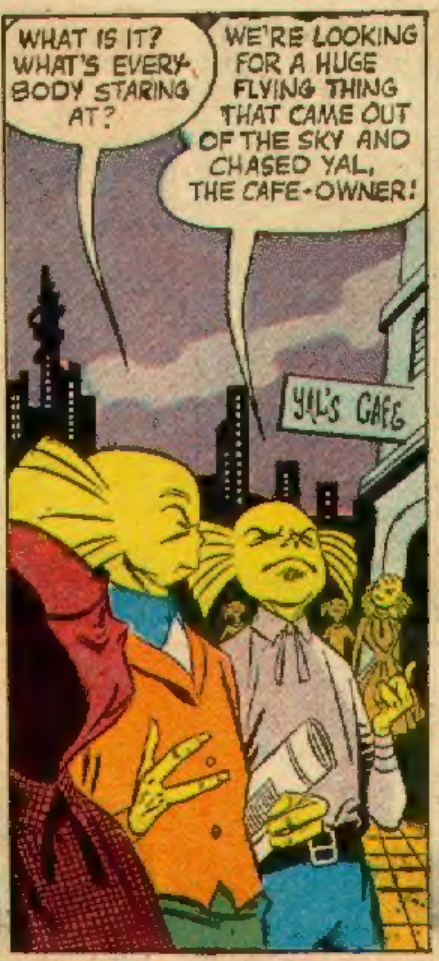
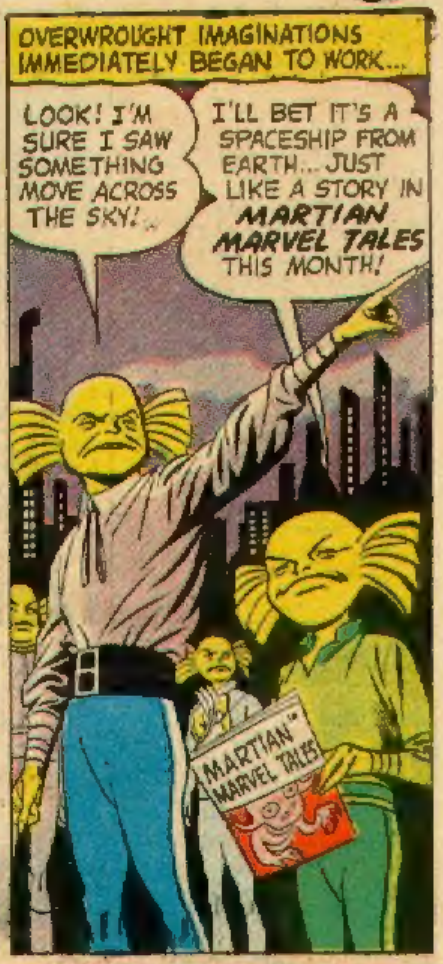

MAYBE IT'S OVERHEAD RIGHT NOW! I'M GOING TO LOOK!
I W-WOULDN'T GO OUT THERE FOR ANYTHING!


WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S EVERYBODY STARING AT?
WE'RE LOOKING FOR A HUGE FLYING THING THAT CAME OUT OF THE SKY AND CHASED YAL, THE CAFE-OWNER!
YAL'S CAFE


OVERWROUGHT IMAGINATIONS IMMEDIATELY BEGAN TO WORK...
LOOK! I'M SURE I SAW SOMETHING MOVE ACROSS THE SKY!..
I'LL BET IT'S A SPACESHIP FROM EARTH... JUST LIKE A STORY IN MARTIAN MARVEL TALES THIS MONTH!
MARTIAN MARVEL TALES

THE STORY SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE! NEWSPAPER REPORTERS CAME IN...
IT WAS SHAPED LIKE TWO SAUCERS TOGETHER... LIKE THIS...
A KIND OF FLYING SAUCER, EH? HEY... I'LL USE THAT NAME IN MY NEWS STORY! FLYING SAUCER!

OVERNIGHT ALL MARS WAS TALKING... AND ARGUING:..ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS...
AAAH, IT'S JUST A PUBLICITY STUNT FOR YAL'S CAFE!
BUT ONLY LAST NIGHT I SAW A STRANGE LIGHT IN THE SKY!
FLYING SAUCERS
FLYING SAUCERS

DR. XRV OF THE GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY BROADCAST HIS OPINIONS...
FLYING SAUCERS? SPACESHIPS? BOSH! ANY SCIENTIST KNOWS EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE CONTAINS TOO MUCH OXYGEN TO SUPPORT INTELLIGENT LIFE!
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REPORTS POURED IN AS IMAGINATIONS RAN WILD AND MARTIANS SAW FLYING SAUCERS IN EVERY-THING...

METEOR...

FLYING SAUCER!

CLOUD FORMATION...

A FLYING SAUCER!

EVEN IN DESERT DUST WHIRLS!

A FLYING SAUCER-- LANDING BEHIND THAT RIDGE!

THE PRESIDENT OF MARS CALLED A MEETING OF SCIENTISTS.

I SAY FLYING SAUCERS ARE FROM ***EARTH***--OUR NEAREST PLANETARY NEIGHBOR! SCIENCE MUST TURN TO BUILDING DEFENSE WEAPONS AGAINST INVASION!

BUT DR. MRX, MARS HAD NO WAR IN 5,000 YEARS! NO ONE KNOWS ***HOW*** TO BUILD WEAPONS!

CRACKPOTS SWAMPED NEWSPAPER OFFICES...

IT'S ***TRUE!*** I SAW A FLYING SAUCER LAND--AND OUT CAME LITTLE GREEN MEN WITH BIG HEADS!

IN SOUTH MARS, PRACTICAL JOKERS PREPARED TO LAUNCH THEIR OWN FLYING SAUCER...

ALL READY, VRO! CUT THE ROPE AND WATCH THE FUN!

AIEEE! RUN! FLYING SAUCER!

MEANWHILE, YAL, WHOSE SAUCER STORY SET OFF THE FRENZY...
I'LL BE OUT IN THE COUNTRY ALL DAY, SEEKING PRODUCE FOR THE CAFE!
WATCH OUT FOR FLYING SAUCERS!
YAL'S CAFE
IT WORKED! MY FANCIFUL STORY HAS EVERYBODY BELIEVING IN FLYING SAUCERS... AND IMAGINING THEY ACTUALLY SEE THEM...
I SHOULD HAVE MORE PAY FOR TELLING MY STORY SO CONVINCINGLY THAT A WHOLE PLANET SWALLOWED IT! WHO ELSE COULD HOAX ALL MARS?
IT IS YAL... REPORTING AS ORDERED! LET ME IN!
IN A CHAMBER INSIDE THE MOUNTAIN ROCK...
CONGRATULATIONS, YAL! YOU HAVE ALL MARS IMAGINING INVADERS FROM EARTH! TONIGHT WE'LL SHOW THEM THE "REAL THING"!
DAR-EL? WHERE ARE YOU? YOUR WORDS COME FROM RIGHT BESIDE ME BUT I CAN'T SEE YOU!
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T KNOW EARTH-MEN ARE CREATURES OF STONE, YAL!
NEITHER DOES ANYONE ELSE... BUT THESE COSTUMES SHOULD CONVINCE EVERYBODY THAT WE'RE ROCK-MEN FROM EARTH!
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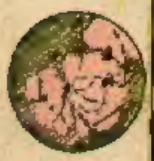
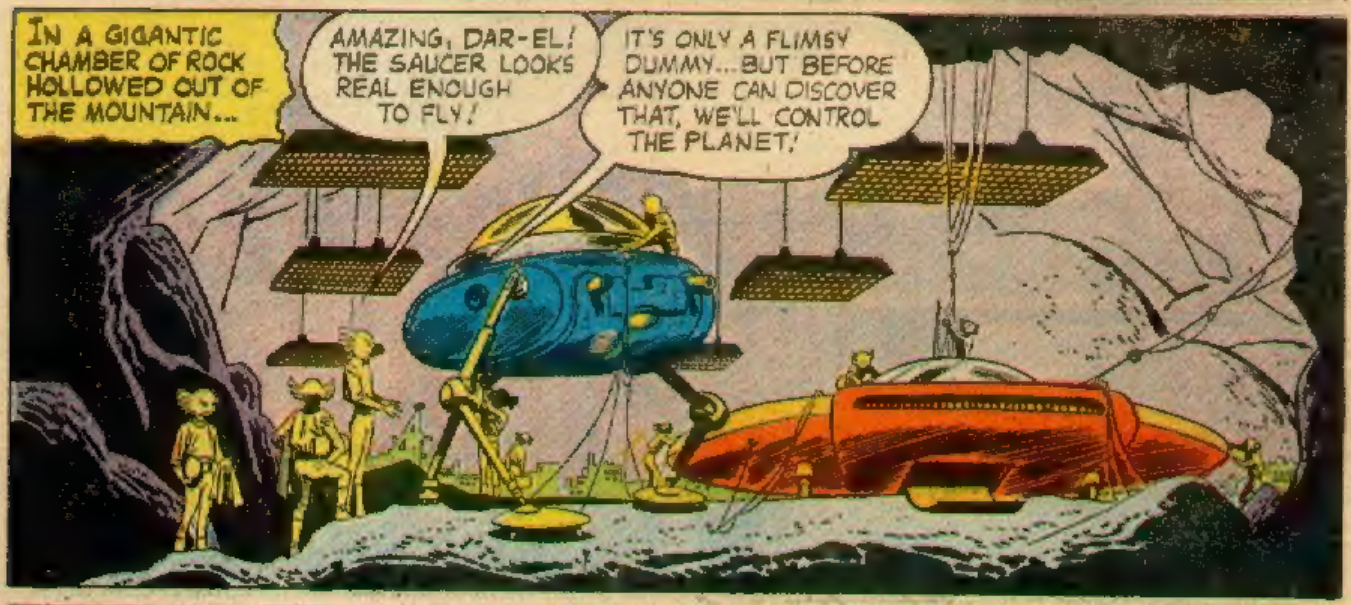
CAN MARS ACTUALLY BE CONQUERED BY A HOAX?

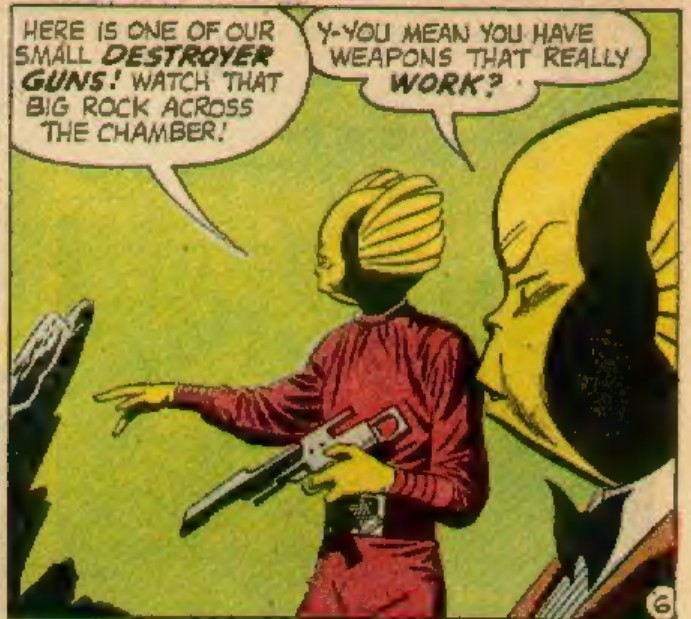


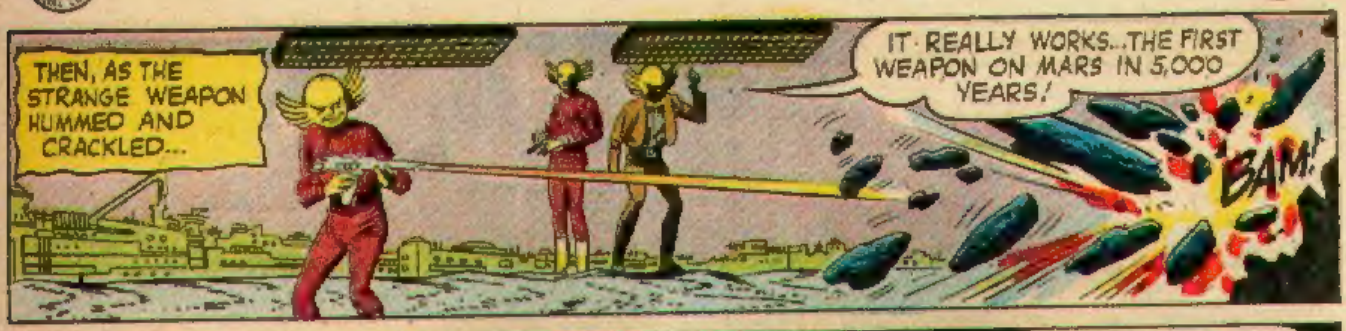
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE ONE FANTASTIC LIE COULD MAKE US MASTERS OF MARS... TO RULE OR PLUNDER AS WE WISH!
YOU WILL -- WHEN YOU SEE THE STAGE-SETTING FOR OUR "INVASION" TONIGHT! I WANT TO BE SURE EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS HIS PART!

THE MARTIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NEITHER ARMS NOR ARMY! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS PROVE WE'RE INVADERS FROM EARTH... WITH SUPER-SCIENTIFIC WEAPONS!

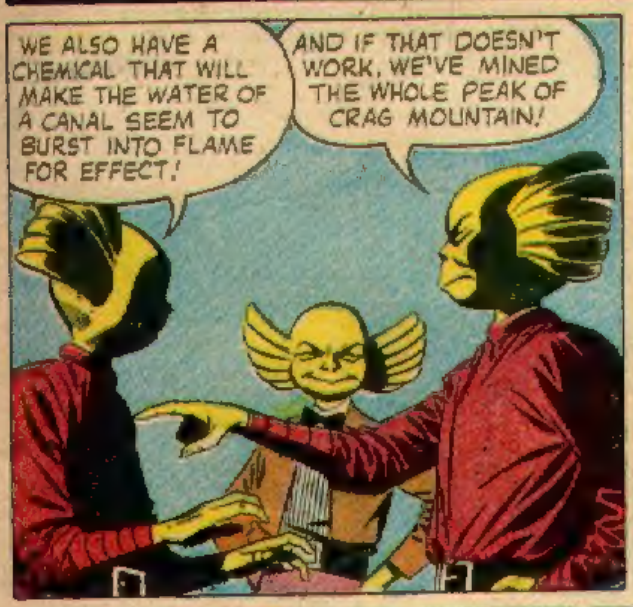

IN A GIGANTIC CHAMBER OF ROCK HOLLOWED OUT OF THE MOUNTAIN...
AMAZING, DAR-EL! THE SAUCER LOOKS REAL ENOUGH TO FLY!
IT'S ONLY A FLIMSY DUMMY... BUT BEFORE ANYONE CAN DISCOVER THAT, WE'LL CONTROL THE PLANET!

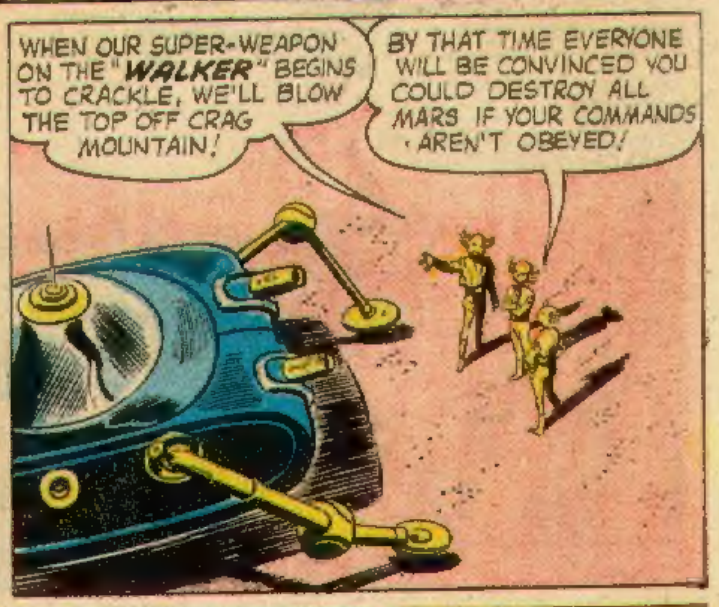
OUR WALKING MACHINE WILL CONVINCE EVERYONE THAT IT COULD ONLY HAVE COME FROM ANOTHER WORLD!
AND FOR A FINAL DEMONSTRATION, WE HAVE OUR... ER... TERRIBLE SUPER-WEAPONS FROM EARTH!


HERE IS ONE OF OUR SMALL DESTROYER GUNS! WATCH THAT BIG ROCK ACROSS THE CHAMBER!
Y-YOU MEAN YOU HAVE WEAPONS THAT REALLY WORK?


THEN, AS THE STRANGE WEAPON HUMMED AND CRACKLED...
IT REALLY WORKS...THE FIRST WEAPON ON MARS IN 5,000 YEARS!
BAM!

ANOTHER HOAX, YAL! WE HAD PLANTED A TUBE OF ORDINARY ROCK-BLASTING FLUID UNDER THAT ROCK... THE KIND USED IN MAR-SITE MINES!
AND WHEN DAR-EL "FIRED"... I MERELY EXPLODED IT WITH THIS ORDINARY WIRELESS DETONATOR!

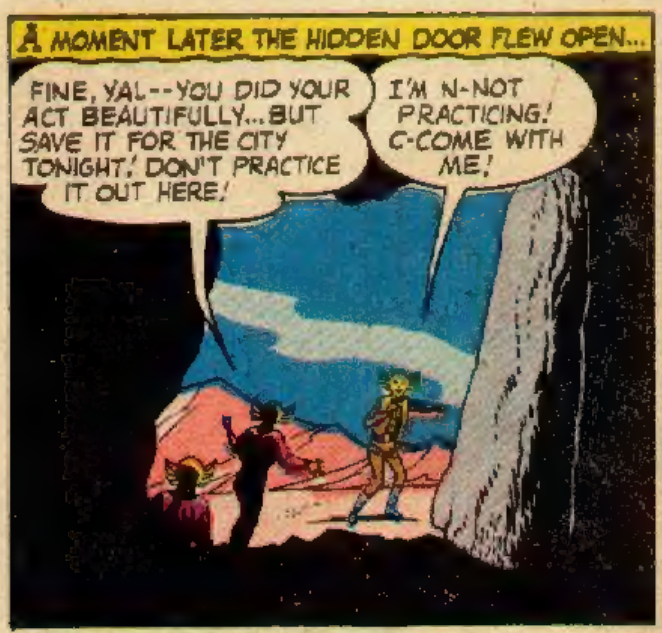

WE ALSO HAVE A CHEMICAL THAT WILL MAKE THE WATER OF A CANAL SEEM TO BURST INTO FLAME FOR EFFECT!
AND IF THAT DOESN'T WORK, WE'VE MINED THE WHOLE PEAK OF CRAG MOUNTAIN!

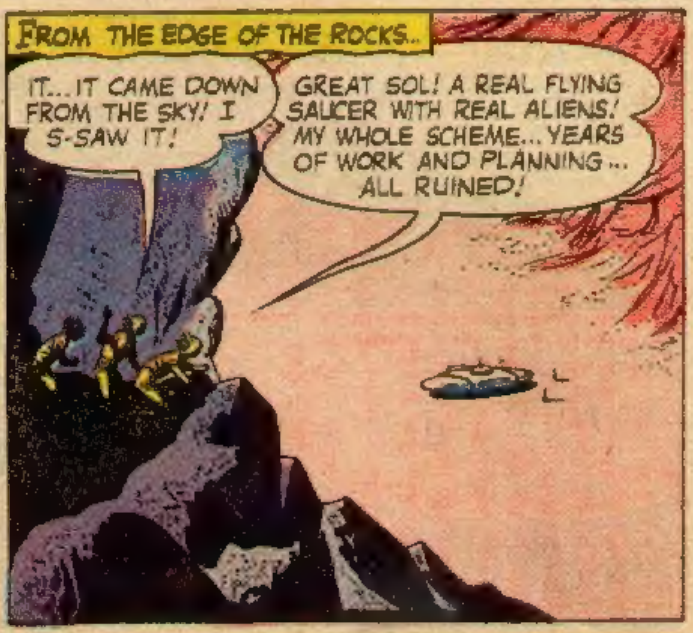

WHEN OUR SUPER-WEAPON ON THE "WALKER" BEGINS TO CRACKLE, WE'LL BLOW THE TOP OFF CRAG MOUNTAIN!
BY THAT TIME EVERYONE WILL BE CONVINCED YOU COULD DESTROY ALL MARS IF YOUR COMMANDS AREN'T OBEYED!

AS SOON AS IT'S DARK, YAL, WE'LL MOVE EVERY-THING CLOSE TO THE CITY FOR YOU TO "DISCOVER" ON YOUR WAY HOME!
I'LL RUSH IN, TELL THE GOVERNMENT I SAW YOU LAND, AND BRING THE PRESIDENT OUT HERE TO SURRENDER MARS TO YOU!

SECONDS LATER...
EVERYTHING IS PERFECT! NOTHING CAN STOP US... EEEOWWW!! IT C-CAN'T BE...

AS YAL RUSHED BACK TO THE CAVERN HIDE-OUT...
LET ME IN! LET ME IN! A FLYING SAUCER JUST LANDED AND EARTH-MEN STEPPED OUT!

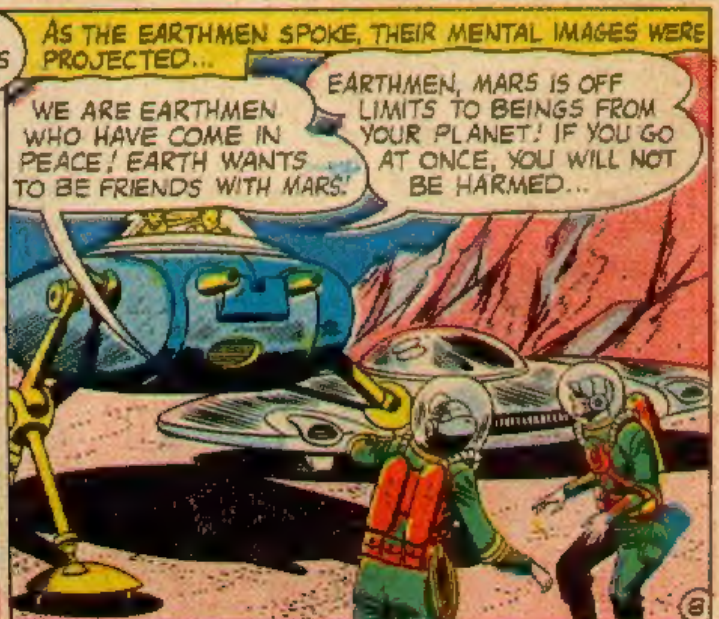

A MOMENT LATER THE HIDDEN DOOR FLEW OPEN...
FINE, YAL--YOU DID YOUR ACT BEAUTIFULLY...BUT SAVE IT FOR THE CITY TONIGHT! DON'T PRACTICE IT OUT HERE!
I'M N-NOT PRACTICING! C-COME WITH ME!


FROM THE EDGE OF THE ROCKS...
IT...IT CAME DOWN FROM THE SKY! I S-SAW IT!
GREAT SOL! A REAL FLYING SAUCER WITH REAL ALIENS! MY WHOLE SCHEME...YEARS OF WORK AND PLANNING... ALL RUINED!

RACING BACK TO THE HIDEOUT...
MAYBE IT ISN'T RUINED! GET THE WALKING MACHINE AND MAYBE WE CAN SCARE THEM OFF!
YOU MEAN BLUFF THEM...AS WE WERE GOING TO BLUFF THE MARTIANS?

DOWN ON THE DESERT, THE FIRST EARTHMEN TO REACH MARS STARED AROUND IN WIDE-EYED CURIOSITY...
IT LOOKS PEACEFUL ENOUGH, MIKE, AND NOBODY'S COME CHARGING OUT OF THAT NEARBY CITY TO ATTACK US!
HOLD IT, PETE! LOOK AT THAT! IS IT A CREATURE OR A MACHINE?

THERE ARE PEOPLE INSIDE! QUICK... TURN ON OUR TELEPATHY COMMUNICATORS AND SEE IF WE CAN UNDERSTAND THEIR MENTAL IMAGES OR PROJECT OURS TO THEM!


AS THE EARTHMEN SPOKE, THEIR MENTAL IMAGES WERE PROJECTED...
WE ARE EARTHMEN WHO HAVE COME IN PEACE! EARTH WANTS TO BE FRIENDS WITH MARS!
EARTHMEN, MARS IS OFF LIMITS TO BEINGS FROM YOUR PLANET! IF YOU GO AT ONCE, YOU WILL NOT BE HARMED...

THE HARSH THOUGHT IMAGES SNARLED INTO THE EARTHMEN'S MINDS
NOW WAIT, FRIEND! WE DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE..
WE HAVE WEAPONS MORE POWERFUL THAN YOURS! UNLESS YOU LEAVE IMMEDIATELY, YOU WILL BE DESTROYED... WATCH--!
THE NEXT INSTANT, CRACKLES OF ENERGY FLASHED AT A NEARBY MOUNTAIN..
THEY BLEW THE TOP RIGHT OFF THAT MOUNTAIN...
YOU HAVE TEN MINUTES TO PREPARE YOUR CRAFT! THEN IF YOU ARE STILL THERE THE WEAPON WILL DESTROY YOU!
WELL, HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? WE DRIVE 40 MILLION MILES FOR A BRUSH-OFF..!
A FEW MINUTES LATER, ABOARD THE WALKING MACHINE...
IT WORKED DAR-EL! YOUR BLUFF MADE THE EARTHMEN FLEE! NOW YOUR PLAN IS SAFE!
WE'LL START OPERATIONS AT ONCE!
THE GLEEFUL PLOTTERS RUSHED BACK TO THEIR HIDE-OUT.
YAL, RUSH IN WITH YOUR PLANNED STORY! BY THE TIME YOU BRING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OUT TO SURRENDER, WE'LL HAVE THE STAGE ALL SET!
BUT AT THAT MOMENT, BEHIND A ROCK FORMATION...
OKAY, MIKE! NOW TELL ME WHY YOU DRAGGED ME OFF OUR SHIP AND SENT IT UP TO ORBIT BY REMOTE CONTROL!
BECAUSE I'M STUBBORN, PETE! WHEN SOME JOKER TELLS ME TO GET OFF HIS PLANET FOR NO REASON, I DECIDE TO STAY...
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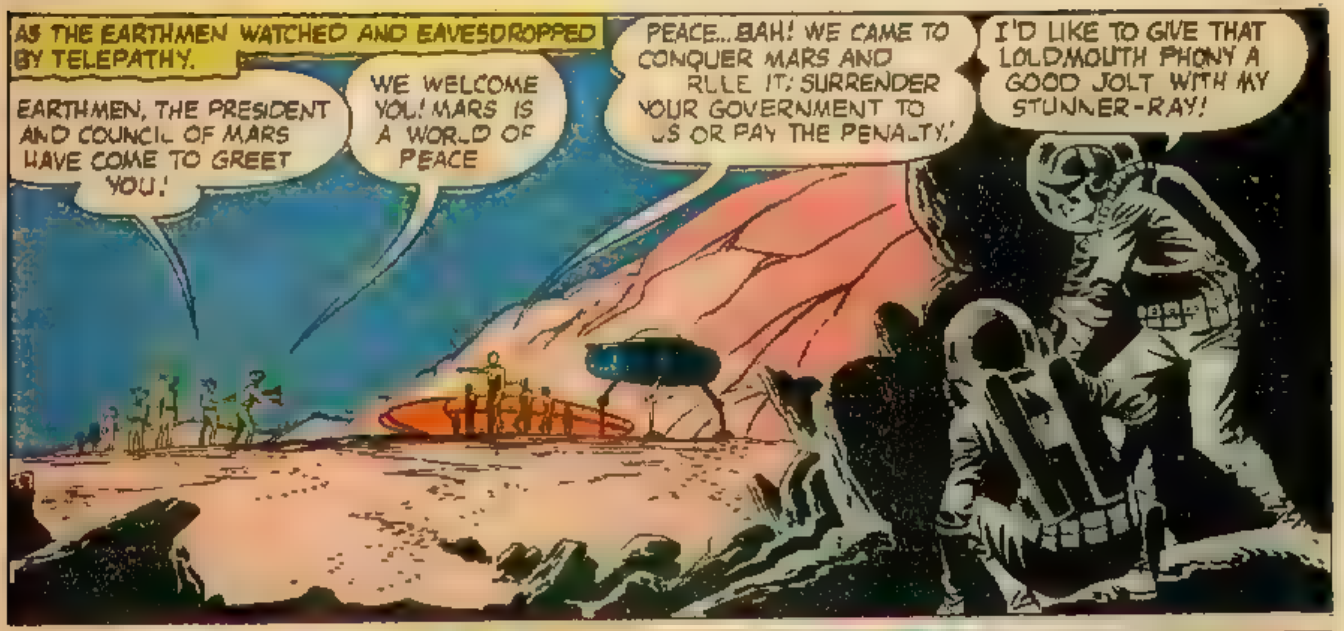
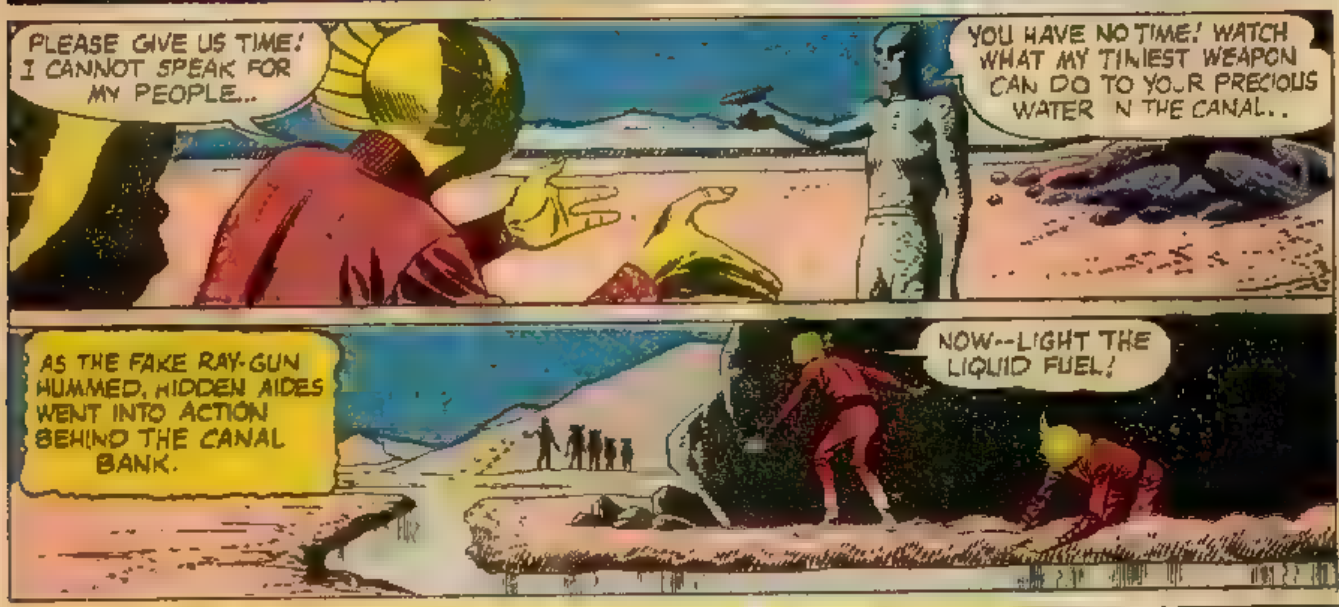
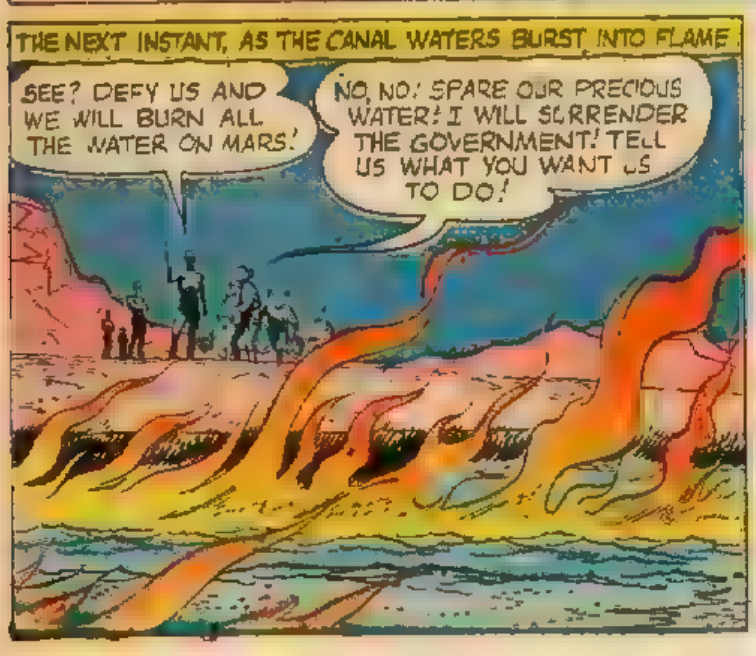
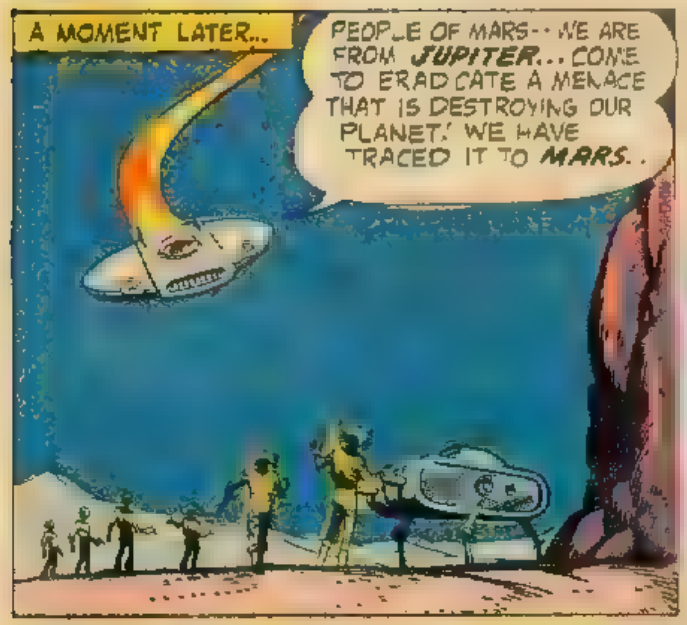
WHILE THE EARTHMEN KEPT A WARY EYE ON THE DISTANT ROCKS .
THERE'S SOMETHING PHONY HERE! IF THE MARTIANS DIDN'T WANT US HERE, WHY LET US LAND AT ALL? AND WHY RUSH OFF AFTER THEIR WARNING?
YOU'RE RIGHT! FOR THE SAKE OF FUTURE SPACE-TRAVELERS, WE'D BETTER GET THIS STRAIGHT!
MOMENTS LATER, IN AN ANCIENT RIVER BED...
BOY LOOK AT US JUMP! WITH MARTIAN GRAVITY ONLY A THIRD OF EARTH'S, WE CAN REALLY SOAR!
DON'T SOAR HIGH ENOUGH TO BE SPOTTED! THIS OLD RIVER BED LEADS RIGHT TO WHERE THAT WALKING MACHINE VANISHED!
THEN, FROM A RIDGE OF ROCKS.
WHA..? A SPACESHIP ALMOST LIKE OURS. IT MUST HAVE BEEN HIDDEN INSIDE THAT CLIFF... BUT WHAT'S GOING ON?
TURN ON YOUR TELEPATHY RECEIVER AND MAYBE WE CAN PICK UP ENOUGH MENTAL IMAGES TO LEARN WHAT'S GOING ON.
MEANWHILE, THE WAITING PLOTTERS WERE TENSE AND RESTLESS!
THERE COMES VAL WITH THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS! EVERYBODY SET? WE MUST CONVINCE THEM WE ARE THE INVADERS ... FROM EARTH!
WE CAN'T MISS! IN A FEW MINUTES MARS WILL BE OUR PRIZE!
ON THE RIDGE, MOST OF THE CONSPIRATORS' THOUGHTS WERE RECEIVED
DID YOU PICK THAT UP? THOSE MARTIANS ARE PRETENDING THEY'RE EARTHMEN TO GRAB CONTROL OF MARS!
IT'S A GOOD THING WE STUCK AROUND! WE'VE GOT TO QUEER THEIR GAME IF WE'RE TO ESTABLISH FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH MARS!


AS THE EARTHMEN WATCHED AND EAVESDROPPED BY TELEPATHY.
EARTHMEN, THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF MARS HAVE COME TO GREET YOU!
WE WELCOME YOU! MARS IS A WORLD OF PEACE
PEACE...BAH! WE CAME TO CONQUER MARS AND RULE IT! SURRENDER YOUR GOVERNMENT TO US OR PAY THE PENALTY!
I'D LIKE TO GIVE THAT LOUDMOUTH PHONY A GOOD JOLT WITH MY STUNNER-RAY!


PLEASE GIVE US TIME! I CANNOT SPEAK FOR MY PEOPLE..
YOU HAVE NO TIME! WATCH WHAT MY TINIEST WEAPON CAN DO TO YOUR PRECIOUS WATER IN THE CANAL..
AS THE FAKE RAY-GUN HUMMED, HIDDEN AIDES WENT INTO ACTION BEHIND THE CANAL BANK.
NOW--LIGHT THE LIQUID FUEL!


THE NEXT INSTANT, AS THE CANAL WATERS BURST INTO FLAME
SEE? DEFY US AND WE WILL BURN ALL THE WATER ON MARS!
NO, NO! SPARE OUR PRECIOUS WATER! I WILL SURRENDER THE GOVERNMENT! TELL US WHAT YOU WANT US TO DO!

UP ON THE RIDGE...
I FEEL LIKE RUSHING IN AND EXPOSING THOSE HOAXERS --
TAKE IT EASY, MIKE! I JUST THOUGHT OF A NEAT WAY TO HANDLE THIS! SWITCH YOUR MICROPHONE OVER TO THE LOUDSPEAKER ON OUR SHIP!


A MOMENT LATER...
PEOPLE OF MARS--WE ARE FROM JUPITER...COME TO ERADICATE A MENACE THAT IS DESTROYING OUR PLANET! WE HAVE TRACED IT TO MARS..

THE ROCKS OF MARS ARE EMANATING DESTRUCTIVE RADIATIONS TO OUR WORLD! THEREFORE WE MUST DESTROY EVERY PIECE OF ROCK ON YOUR PLANET!
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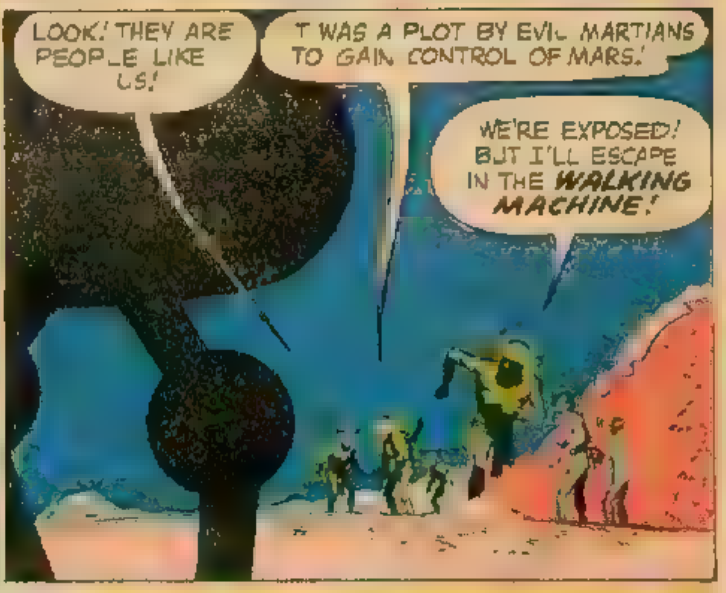
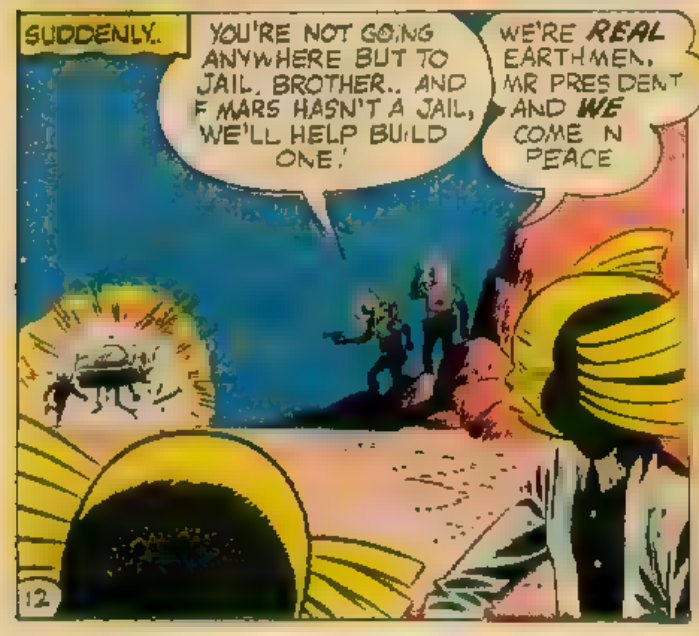
FRANTICALLY, THE MARTIAN CONSPIRATORS GOT OUT OF THEIR ROCKY SUITS.
TAKE OFF OUR ROCKY DISGUISES--OR WE'LL BE DESTROYED!


LOOK! THEY ARE PEOPLE LIKE US!
T WAS A PLOT BY EVIL MARTIANS TO GAIN CONTROL OF MARS!
WE'RE EXPOSED! BUT I'LL ESCAPE IN THE WALKING MACHINE!


SUDDENLY..
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE BUT TO JAIL, BROTHER.. AND IF MARS HASN'T A JAIL, WE'LL HELP BUILD ONE!
WE'RE REAL EARTHMEN, MR PRESIDENT AND WE COME IN PEACE
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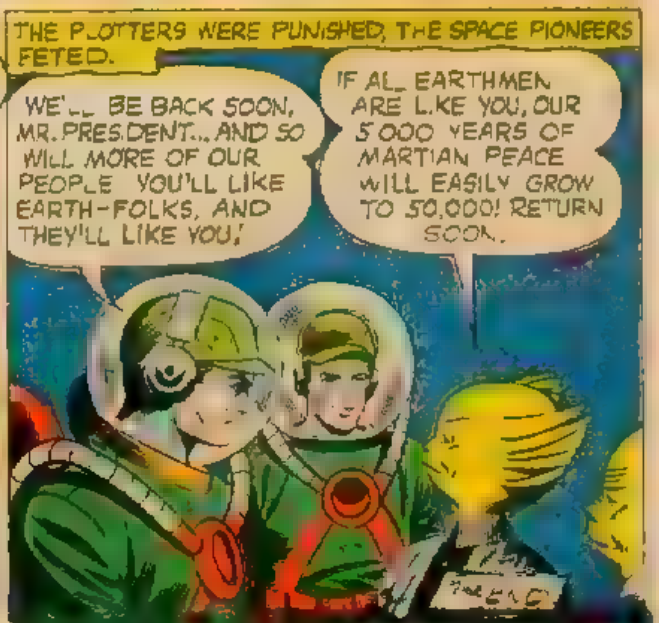
THE PLOTTERS WERE PUNISHED, THE SPACE PIONEERS FETED.
WE'LL BE BACK SOON, MR. PRESIDENT.. AND SO WILL MORE OF OUR PEOPLE YOU'LL LIKE EARTH-FOLKS, AND THEY'LL LIKE YOU!
IF ALL EARTHMEN ARE LIKE YOU, OUR 5000 YEARS OF MARTIAN PEACE WILL EASILY GROW TO 50,000! RETURN SOON.

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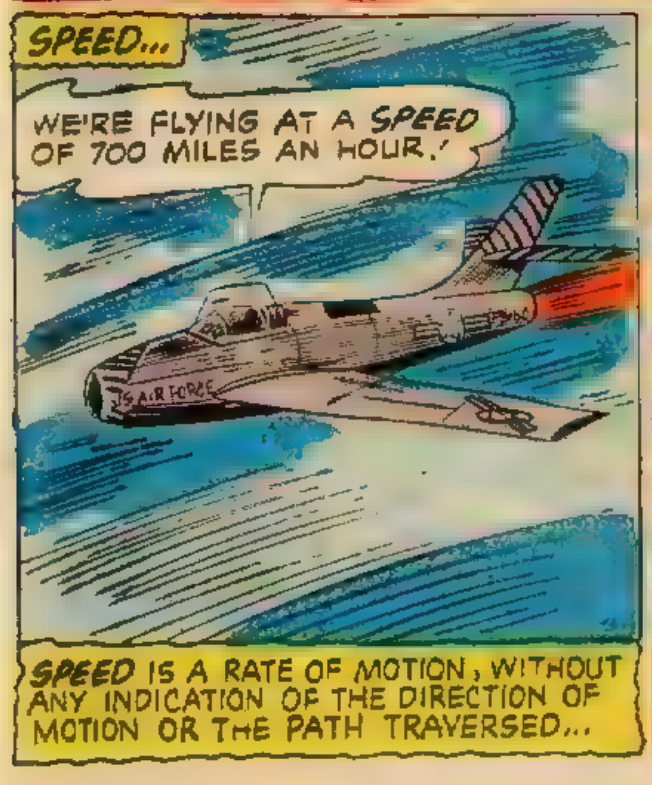
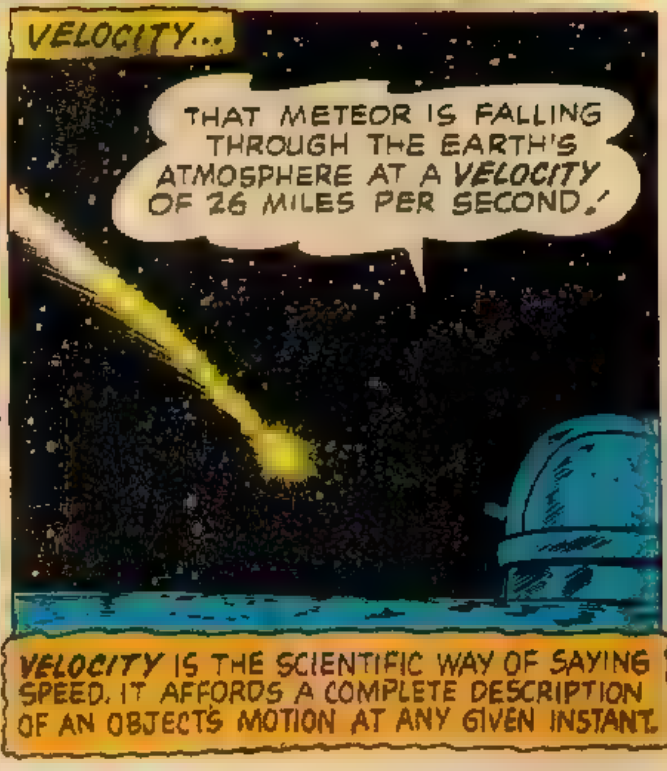


SPEED IS A RATE OF MOTION, WITHOUT ANY INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF MOTION OR THE PATH TRAVERSED...



VELOCITY IS THE SCIENTIFIC WAY OF SAYING SPEED. IT AFFORDS A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF AN OBJECTS MOTION AT ANY GIVEN INSTANT.

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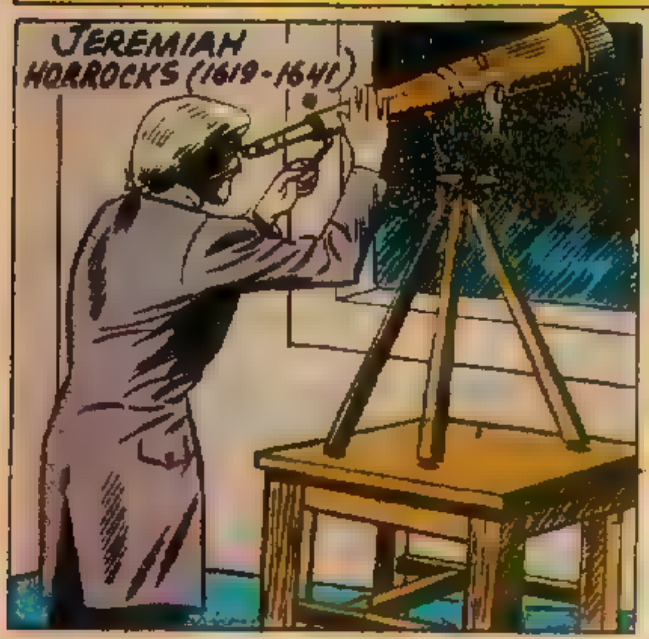
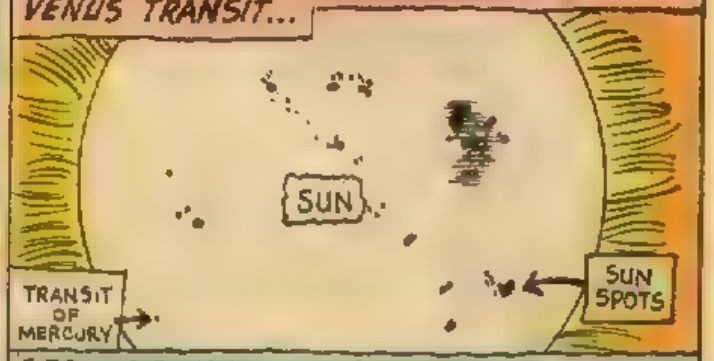
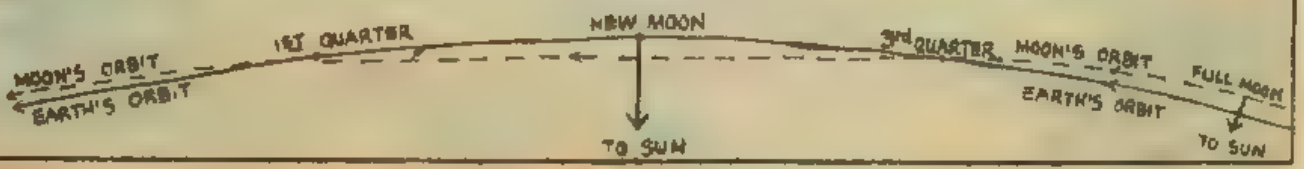


WHEN ONLY 20 YEARS OLD, HORROCKS PREDICTED—CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS CALCULATIONS—THAT A *TRANSIT* * OF VENUS WOULD OCCUR ON NOV. 24, 639. BECAUSE HE WAS THE ONLY ASTRONOMER TO CHECK THIS PREDICTION, HORROCKS BECAME THE FIRST PERSON EVER TO OBSERVE THE *VENUS TRANSIT*...

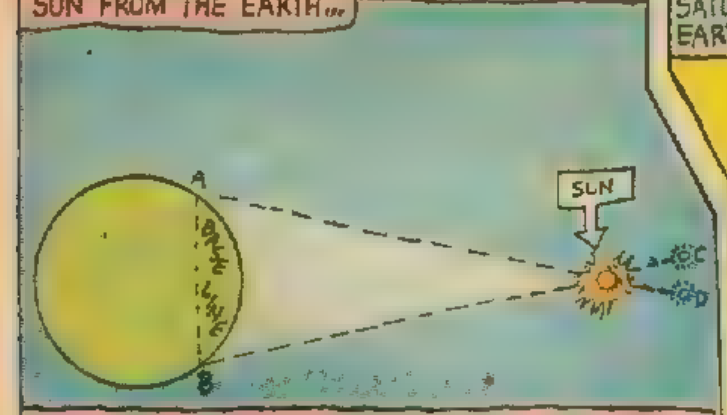


*EDITOR'S NOTE: THE PASSAGE OF A PLANET ACROSS THE FACE OF THE SUN.

THIS YOUTHFUL BRITISH ASTRONOMER WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO EXPLAIN THAT DEVIATIONS IN THE MOON'S ORBIT WERE DUE IN PART TO THE GRAVITATIONAL INFLUENCE OF THE MASSIVE SUN...

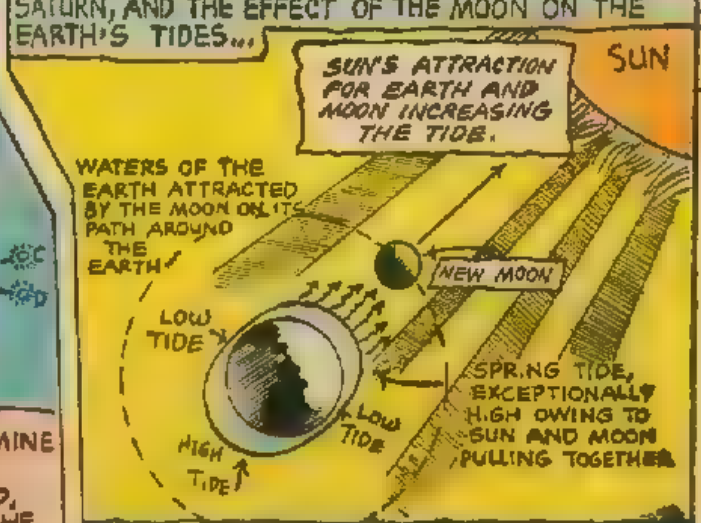


FROM OBSERVATIONS OF THE SUN, HORROCKS DETERMINED MORE CORRECTLY THAN ANYONE ELSE HAD YET DONE, THE DISTANCE OF THE SUN FROM THE EARTH...



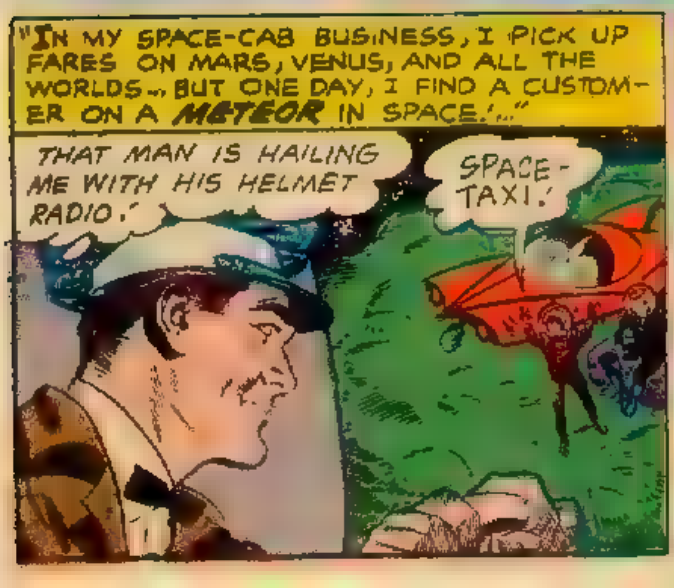
HOW THE EARTH CAN BE USE TO DETERMINE THE DISTANCE OF THE SUN. FROM *A* THE POSITION OF THE SUN APPEARS TO BE AT *D*, FROM *B* AT *C*. TAKING A TRIANGLE FROM THE BASE LINE ON THE EARTH, THE DISTANCE OF THE SUN CAN BE CALCULATED.

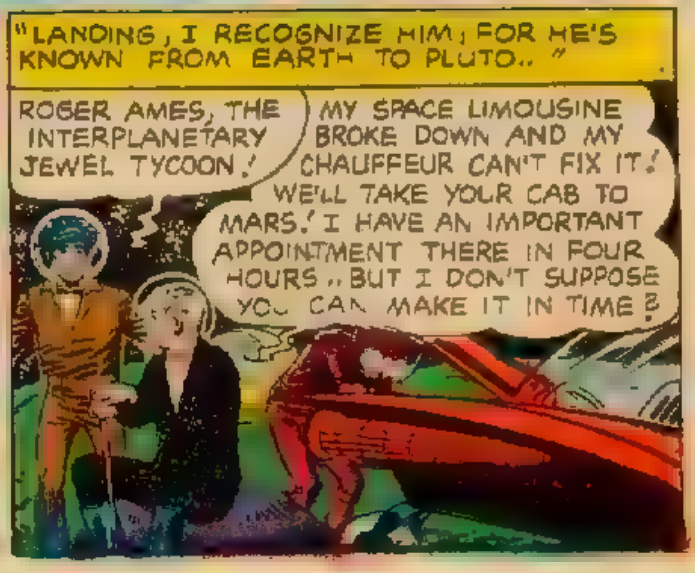
AMONG HIS OTHER NOTABLE ASTRONOMICAL ACHIEVEMENTS WERE THE DETERMINATION OF IRREGULARITIES IN THE ORBITAL MOTIONS OF JUPITER AND SATURN, AND THE EFFECT OF THE MOON ON THE EARTH'S TIDES...


SUN'S ATTRACTION FOR EARTH AND MOON INCREASING THE TIDE.
SUN
WATERS OF THE EARTH ATTRACTED BY THE MOON ON ITS PATH AROUND THE EARTH
NEW MOON
LOW TIDE
SPRING TIDE, EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH OWING TO SUN AND MOON PULLING TOGETHER
LOW TIDE
HIGH TIDE

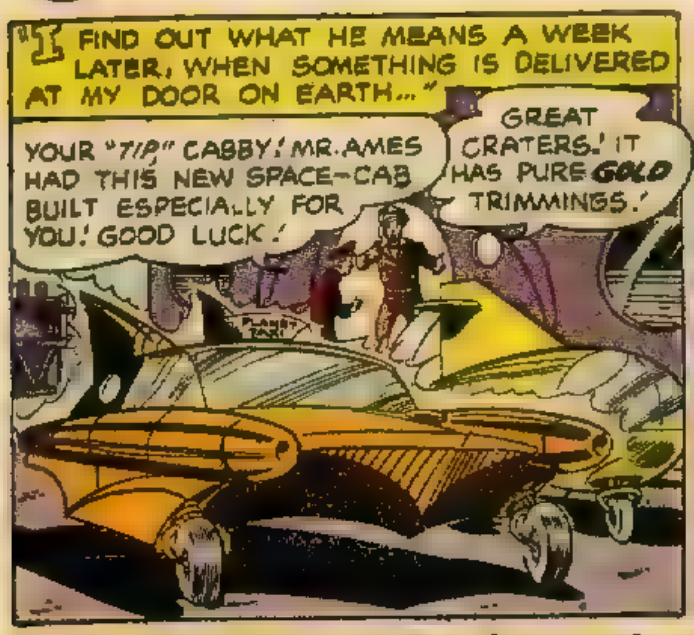
HOW TIDES ARE CAUSED BY THE GRAVITATIONAL EFFECT OF THE SUN AND MOON.

ONE DAY, I ATTRACT EVERY EYE FROM MERCURY TO PLUTO AS I SLIDE BEHIND THE WHEEL OF A NEW SPACE-TAXI.' AM I HAPPY TO GET RID OF MY OLD JET-JALOPY? DOES THE NEW CAB INCREASE MY BUSINESS? AM I THE ENVY OF OTHER CABBIES? YOU'LL NEVER GUESS THE REAL ANSWERS, WHEN I BECOME THE PROUD OWNER OF...
The LUXURY LIMOUSINE OF SPACE!
CALLING INTERPLANETARY POLICE! BANDITS JUST ROBBED CALLISTO BANK!
THERE'S MY OLD CAB-- BEING USED BY CROOKS TO MAKE THEIR GETAWAY.'
CALLISTO BANK

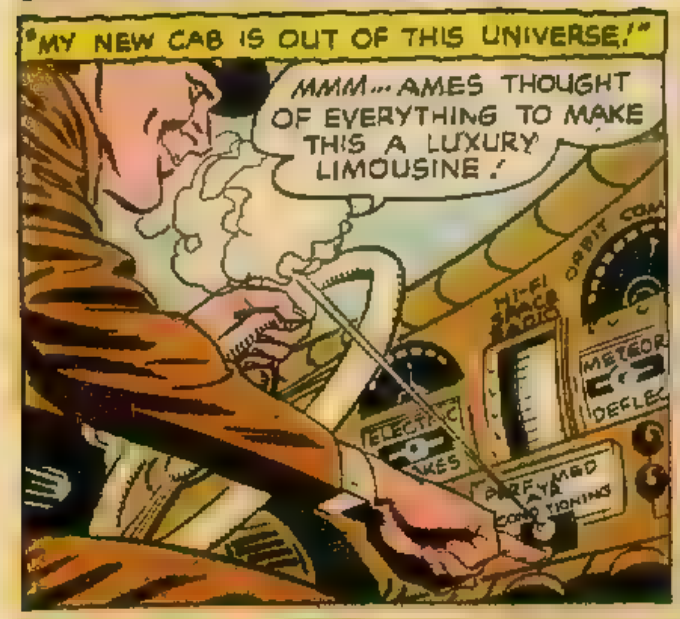

"IN MY SPACE-CAB BUSINESS, I PICK UP FARES ON MARS, VENUS, AND ALL THE WORLDS.. BUT ONE DAY, I FIND A CUSTOMER ON A METEOR IN SPACE!.."
THAT MAN IS HAILING ME WITH HIS HELMET RADIO.'
SPACE-TAXI!'


"LANDING, I RECOGNIZE HIM; FOR HE'S KNOWN FROM EARTH TO PLUTO.. "
ROGER AMES, THE INTERPLANETARY JEWEL TYCOON!
MY SPACE LIMOUSINE BROKE DOWN AND MY CHAUFFEUR CAN'T FIX IT! WE'LL TAKE YOUR CAB TO MARS.' I HAVE AN IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT THERE IN FOUR HOURS.. BUT I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU CAN MAKE IT IN TIME?

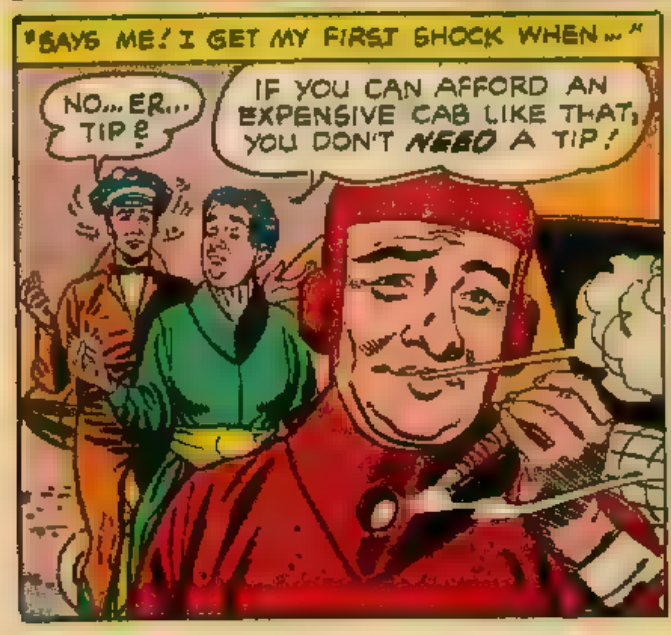
LL SURE TRY, SIR.! I'VE TINKERED WITH MY ATOMIC MOTOR, GIVING IT A FAST PICKUP.! AND I'LL USE ALL THE DRIVING TRICKS I KNOW TO SAVE TIME.!
"INSTEAD OF GOING THE LONG WAY AROUND WHEN A METEOR SHOWER BLOCKS THE WAY..."
I'LL ZIG-ZAG THROUGH THE METEORS! YOU JUST HAVE TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO ZIG WHEN YOU SHOULD ZAG.!
"I JUST PASS THE DANGER, WHEN.
LOOK OUT, CABBY.! TURN.! YOU CAN'T GO THROUGH A SPACE HURRICANE.!...
"PRESENTLY..."
YOU CAN LOOK NOW, SIR.! ALL CLEAR AHEAD.! YOU SEE, I SIMPLY WENT THROUGH THE HURRICANE'S EYE"... WHICH IS ALWAYS CALM.!
I...I WISH I WERE AS CALM!
"THAT WAS NOTHING.! SOON, I PULL A COSMIC TRICK TO MAKE OLD FATHER TIME GNASH HIS IVORIES.!"
SAW THIS COMET RUSHING UP BEHIND US WHY NOT LET IT SHOVE US TWICE AS FAST AS BEFORE? A COMET'S GLOW, YOU KNOW, IS "COLD FIRE"... NOT HOT FLAMES.!
"FINALLY AT MARS."
RIGHT ON THE DOT, SIR.!
WONDERFUL, CABBY.! I NEVER HAD SUCH A FAST... YET SAFE... RIDE IN MY LIFE, DUE TO YOUR SUPERB DRIVING SKILL! HERE'S YOUR FARE.! YOU'LL GET YOUR TIP LATER.!

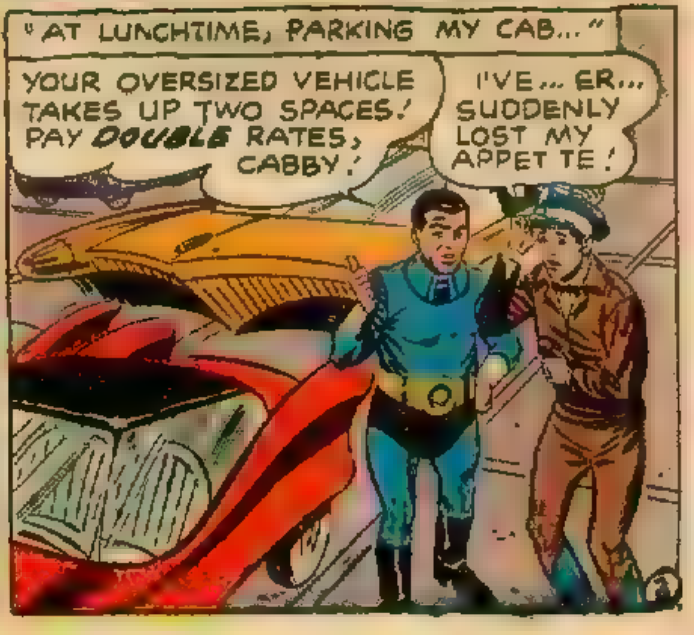

"I FIND OUT WHAT HE MEANS A WEEK LATER, WHEN SOMETHING IS DELIVERED AT MY DOOR ON EARTH..."
YOUR "TIP," CABBY! MR. AMES HAD THIS NEW SPACE-CAB BUILT ESPECIALLY FOR YOU! GOOD LUCK!
GREAT CRATERS! IT HAS PURE GOLD TRIMMINGS!

"FASTER THAN A COMET, I RUSH MY SHABBY OLD JALOPY TO A USED SPACESHIP LOT..."
I SOLD MY OLD RATTLETRAP! I'LL MISS IT...FOR ABOUT 3 SECONDS! HA, HA!
SMILING SAM USED SPACESHIP MAN!
FOR SALE


"MY NEW CAB IS OUT OF THIS UNIVERSE!"
MMM... AMES THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING TO MAKE THIS A LUXURY LIMOUSINE!
HI-FI SPACE RADIO
METEOR DEFLEC
PERFUMED AIR CONDITIONING

"AND THERE'S BUILT-IN EXTRAS FOR THE PASSENGERS' COMFORT!"
HELP YOURSELF, FOLKS! FREE SMOKES AND COSMETICS!
I'LL MAKE A FORTUNE IN TIPS WITH THIS FANCY CAB!
FREE
FREE COSMETICS
FREE CIGARS


"SAYS ME! I GET MY FIRST SHOCK WHEN..."
NO...ER... TIP?
IF YOU CAN AFFORD AN EXPENSIVE CAB LIKE THAT, YOU DON'T NEED A TIP!


"AT LUNCHTIME, PARKING MY CAB..."
YOUR OVERSIZED VEHICLE TAKES UP TWO SPACES! PAY DOUBLE RATES, CABBY!
I'VE... ER... SUDDENLY LOST MY APPETITE!

"AND IT SEEMS I ALMOST *LIVE* AT GAS-STATIONS ..I'M BACK SO OFTEN!"

THE POWERFUL 12-JET MOTOR EATS UP ATOMIC FUEL FASTER THAN A VENUSIAN *GIGANTOSAUR* GOBBLES TEN-TON MEALS!

"OUT IN THE SPACE TURNPIKES TOO, MY TROUBLES GET GALACTIC-SIZED..."

MY CAB'S TOO BIG TO SQUEEZE THROUGH! I'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE LONG ROUTE A MILLION MILES MORE!

ASTEROID TUNNEL CLEARANCE 12 FT

"A WEEK LATER, I BITTERLY REALIZE I'M DRIVING A *WHITE ELEPHANT!*"

THAT OTHER CABBY NEEDS THE MONEY MORE THAN YOU!

ROGER AMES MEANT WELL, BUT I'M LOSING MONEY WITH THIS FANCY TUB! I WONDER IF I CAN GET MY OLD CAB BACK?

PLANET TAXI

TAXI

"MY HOPES ARE DASHED WHEN I VISIT THE DEALER..."

SORRY, YOUR FORMER CAB'S SOLD! SOME MEN TRIED IT OUT AND SAID THE FAST PICKUP WAS JUST WHAT THEY WANTED!

WELL, I GUESS I'LL NEVER SEE MY OLD CAB AGAIN!

SMILING SAM USED SPACESHIP MAN!

"BUT LATER, I DO SEE IT AGAIN, IN SPACE... UNDER STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCES!"

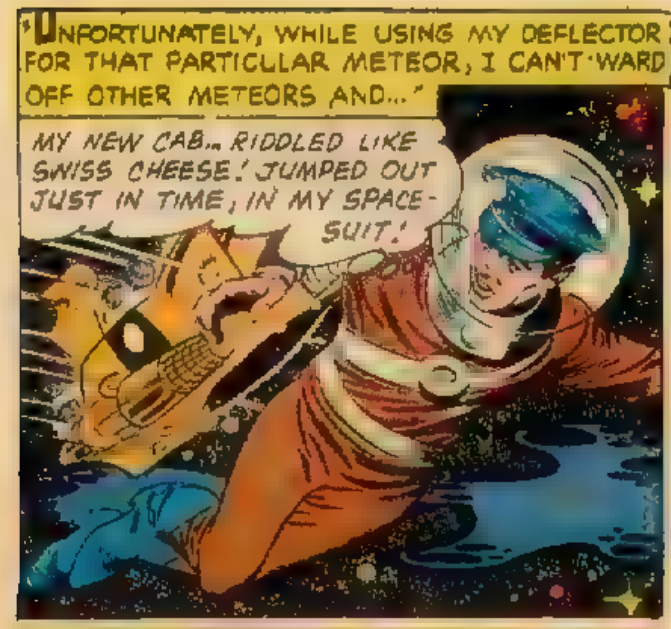
CALLING IPPY*! BANDITS JUST ROBBED CALLISTO BANK!

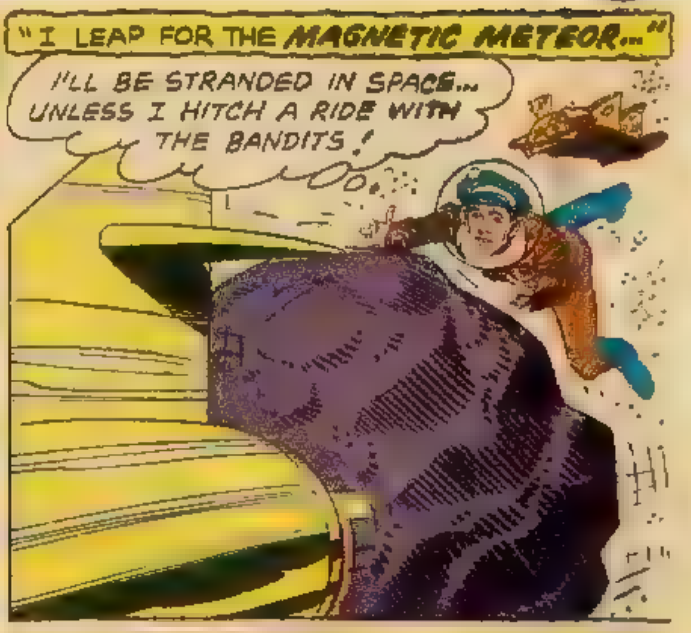
CROOKS BOUGHT MY OLD CAB! NO WONDER THEY LIKED THE FAST PICKUP... FOR THEIR *GETAWAYS!*

*EDITOR'S NOTE: IPPY IS FUTURE SLANG FOR THE *INTERPLANETARY POLICE!*

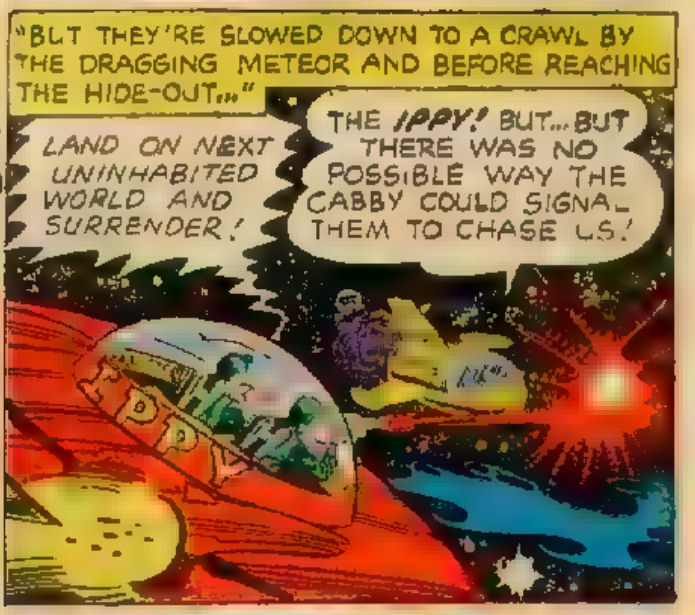
THE ONLY WAY TO GET MY CAB BACK IS TO CHASE DOWN THE BANDITS MYSELF! I'LL USE ALL THE POWER OF MY SUPER-ENGINE.

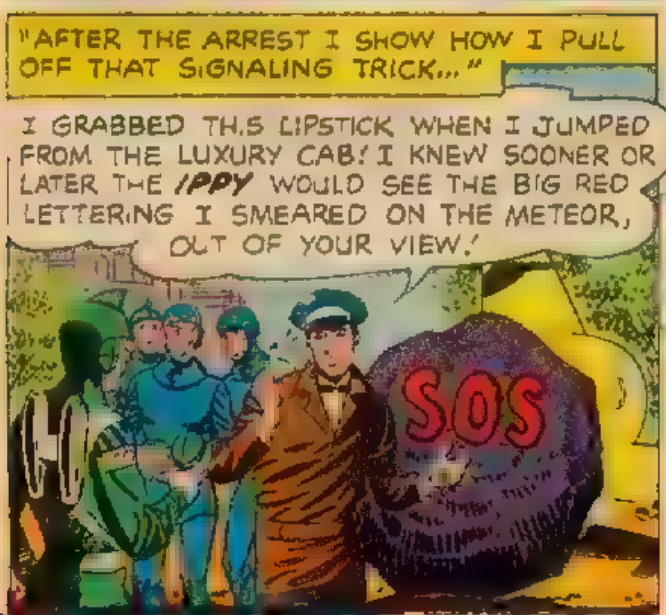
"BUT MY NEW CAB IS AS CLUMSY AS THE OX-STAR IN THE MILKY WAY AND..."
I CAN'T MAKE THAT SHARP TURN! I'LL LOSE THEM!
"DETERMINED TO GET MY OLD CAB BACK, I PLAN HOW TO BAIT A TRAP FOR THE CROOKS..."
BY BURNING OFF MY CABBY INSIGNIA, MY VEHICLE WILL PASS FOR A PRIVATE LIMOUSINE! REPORTS SAY THOSE CROOKS POUNCE ON WEALTHY PEOPLE'S SHIPS ALONG LONELY SPACE-ROUTES!
9 PLANE TAXI
"I CRUISE ALL OVER INVITINGLY, UNTIL AT LAST..."
AFTER THE LUXURY LIMOUSINE! THE OWNER MUST BE WORTH A FORTUNE!
THE CROOKS! THEY BIT! NOW TO RADIO THE IPPY...
"BUT THEY QUICKLY SUSPECT MY TRICK AND..."
IT WAS A DECOY! OUR POWERFUL STATIC WILL JAM HIS SOS TO THE IPPY WHILE WE MAKE OUR GETAWAY!
"I THINK FAST, REMEMBERING THE METEORS NEARBY..."
I'LL USE MY METEOR-DEFLECTOR TO SHOVE A METEOR TOWARD THEM! THEY WON'T SEE IT COMING IN TIME TO USE THEIR OWN DEFLECTOR!
"I HAD CAREFULLY SELECTED A SPECIAL METEOR TO HURL AT THEM..."
WE'RE SLOWING DOWN...LOOK! WE'RE DRAGGING ALONG A MAGNETIC METEOR... IT'S STICKING TO OUR STEEL SHIP LIKE GLUE!


"UNFORTUNATELY, WHILE USING MY DEFLECTOR FOR THAT PARTICULAR METEOR, I CAN'T WARD OFF OTHER METEORS AND..."
MY NEW CAB... RIDDLED LIKE SWISS CHEESE! JUMPED OUT JUST IN TIME, IN MY SPACE-SUIT!


"I LEAP FOR THE MAGNETIC METEOR..."
I'LL BE STRANDED IN SPACE... UNLESS I HITCH A RIDE WITH THE BANDITS!

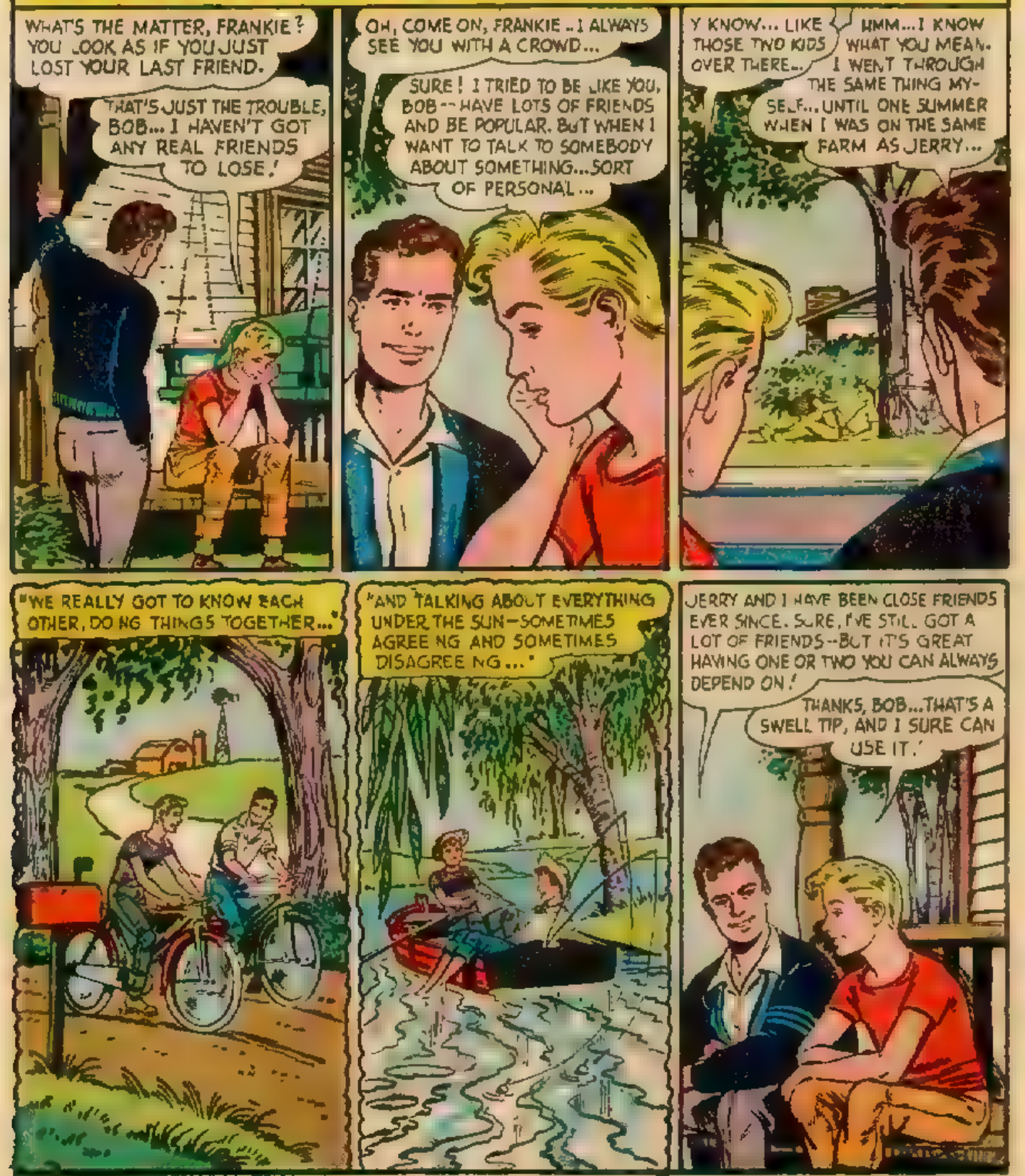
"IT SEEMS I'VE ONLY JUMPED FROM THE FRYING-PAN INTO THE FIRE!"
THEY'VE SPOTTED ME!
WE'LL HEAD FOR OUR HIDE-OUT AND REMOVE THE MAGNETIC METEOR THERE! AND WE'LL FIX THAT WISE GUY THERE TOO!


"BUT THEY'RE SLOWED DOWN TO A CRAWL BY THE DRAGGING METEOR AND BEFORE REACHING THE HIDE-OUT..."
LAND ON NEXT UNINHABITED WORLD AND SURRENDER!
THE IPPY! BUT... BUT THERE WAS NO POSSIBLE WAY THE CABBY COULD SIGNAL THEM TO CHASE US!
IPPY


"AFTER THE ARREST I SHOW HOW I PULL OFF THAT SIGNALING TRICK..."
I GRABBED THIS LIPSTICK WHEN I JUMPED FROM THE LUXURY CAB! I KNEW SOONER OR LATER THE IPPY WOULD SEE THE BIG RED LETTERING I SMEARED ON THE METEOR, OUT OF YOUR VIEW!
SOS

"LATER, AFTER THE IPPY RELEASES MY CAB..."
MY LUXURY CAB WAS WRECKED-- BUT WHO CARES? AH, IT'S MUSIC TO MY EARS, BEING BACK IN MY GOOD OLD JALOPY!
CLANK!
RATTLE
WHEEZE
THE END

Wanted: A PAL!


WHAT'S THE MATTER, FRANKIE? YOU LOOK AS IF YOU JUST LOST YOUR LAST FRIEND.
THAT'S JUST THE TROUBLE, BOB... I HAVEN'T GOT ANY REAL FRIENDS TO LOSE!
OH, COME ON, FRANKIE .. I ALWAYS SEE YOU WITH A CROWD...
SURE! I TRIED TO BE LIKE YOU, BOB -- HAVE LOTS OF FRIENDS AND BE POPULAR. BUT WHEN I WANT TO TALK TO SOMEBODY ABOUT SOMETHING...SORT OF PERSONAL...
Y KNOW... LIKE THOSE TWO KIDS OVER THERE...
HMM...I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. I WENT THROUGH THE SAME THING MYSELF... UNTIL ONE SUMMER WHEN I WAS ON THE SAME FARM AS JERRY...
"WE REALLY GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER, DOING THINGS TOGETHER..."
"AND TALKING ABOUT EVERYTHING UNDER THE SUN—SOMETIMES AGREEING AND SOMETIMES DISAGREEING..."
JERRY AND I HAVE BEEN CLOSE FRIENDS EVER SINCE. SURE, I'VE STILL GOT A LOT OF FRIENDS--BUT IT'S GREAT HAVING ONE OR TWO YOU CAN ALWAYS DEPEND ON!
THANKS, BOB...THAT'S A SWELL TIP, AND I SURE CAN USE IT.

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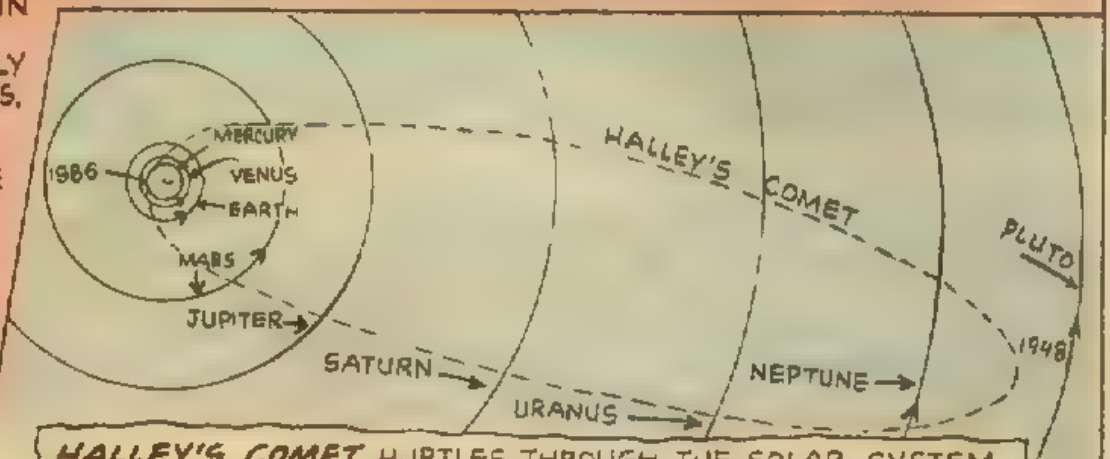
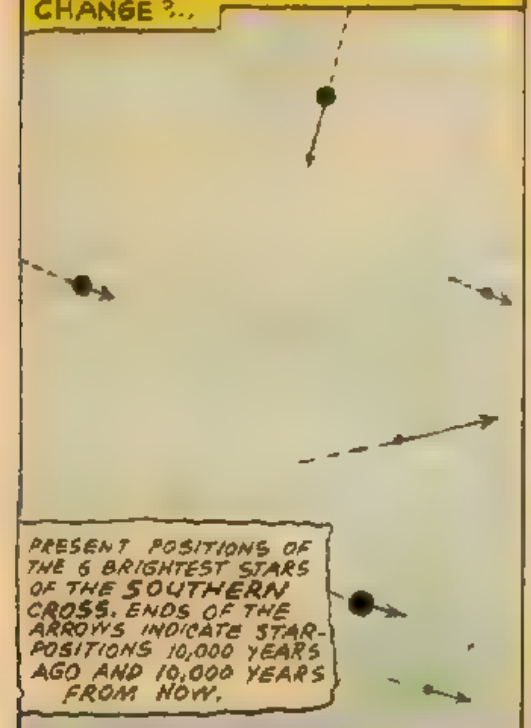
MYSTERIES in SPACE!

THE MOST FAMOUS OF ALL COMETS--*HALLEY'S COMET*--MAKES A RETURN APPEARANCE IN OUR SKIES APPROXIMATELY EVERY 76 YEARS. BETWEEN ITS LAST APPEARANCE IN 1910 AND ITS NEXT SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IN 1986, WHERE DOES THE COMET GO?...



HALLEY'S COMET HURTLES THROUGH THE SOLAR SYSTEM IN AN ORBIT THAT CARRIES IT BEYOND NEPTUNE.

WHEN A STAR WHICH IS BARELY VISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE IS VIEWED THROUGH A LARGE TELESCOPE, ITS BRILLIANCE MAY BE INCREASED 35,000 TIMES. HOW WOULD THE APPEARANCE OF THE TELESCOPICALLY-VIEWED STAR CHANGE?..



PRESENT POSITIONS OF THE 6 BRIGHTEST STARS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS. ENDS OF THE ARROWS INDICATE STAR-POSITIONS 10,000 YEARS AGO AND 10,000 YEARS FROM NOW.

THE IMAGE OF THE STAR WOULD STILL APPEAR AS A MERE POINT OF LIGHT--SLIGHTLY EXCELLING VENUS AND JUPITER IN BRILLIANCE.

IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED THAT MILLIONS OF METEORS FALL ON EARTH EVERY DAY. OF THE METEORS WHICH ARE *SEEN* FALLING EARTHWARD, HOW MANY ARE EVENTUALLY FOUND ON OUR PLANET?...

METEORITE SEEN TO FALL NEAR NORFOLK, KANSAS--OCTOBER 1918

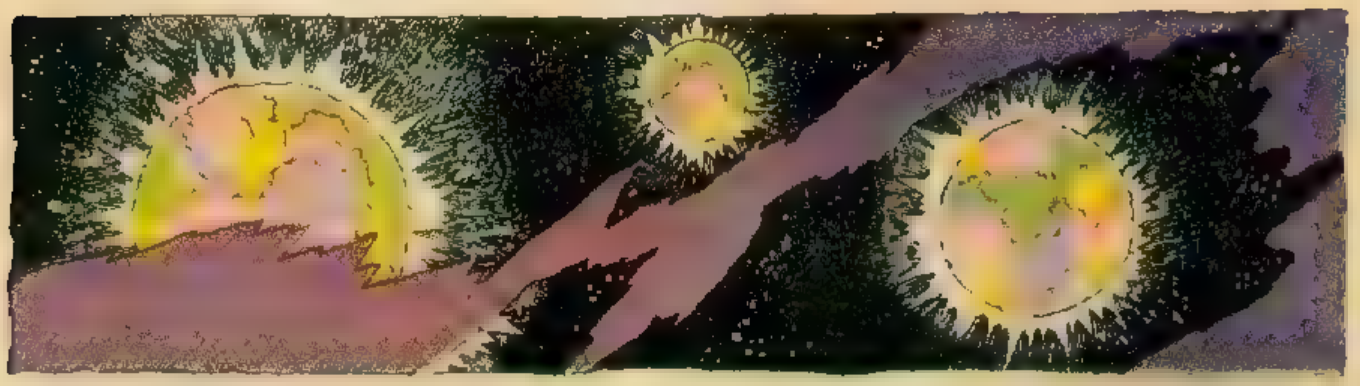
THE NUMBER OF INSTANCES IN WHICH METEORS ARE SEEN TO FALL AND LATER RECOVERED AVERAGES ABOUT FOUR A YEAR.

IF THE NEAREST STAR TO OUR SOLAR SYSTEM, *ALPHA CENTAURI*, WERE TO FLARE UP AS A *SUPER-NOVA*, HOW BRIGHT WOULD IT BE?...

CRAB NEBULA--REMNANTS OF A SUPER-NOVA EXPLOSION IN 1054 A.D.

THE ALPHA CENTAURI-SUPER NOVA WOULD BE 2000 TIMES AS BRIGHT AS OUR FULL MOON.

WONDERS of SPACE



Dear Science Editor:

I've read that a considerable number of stars have companion stars—that is, they are double stars *revolving around a common center of gravity. Is there any possibility that our sun has a companion star too?*

—A. C.,
The Bronx, N. Y.

Dear A. C.:

According to current astronomical belief at least one-fourth of the stars are binary star systems; possibly one-tenth other stars are *multiples*—a system of more than two associated stars. Though no companion star to our sun has been detected, the possibility cannot be ruled out that one does indeed exist.

To understand why such a "nearby" companion star—assuming its existence—is difficult to single out, consider the Alpha Centauri star system, our closest stellar neighbors. It is a triple star system—one of whose components is remarkably like our own star-sun. It has about the same temperature, size and mass, but radiates 10% more light. The companion star nearest to it is slightly smaller, cooler, and emits 30% of the light of our solar system sun. Proxima Centauri—the last of the trio and the closest to us—gives off only 1/17,000 the light of our sun, hence is so faint that its existence was unknown till the year 1913.

If our sun had a companion on the order of Proxima Centauri, it would be more than 100,000,000,000 miles distant from the sun and take 1,300,000 years to make a complete orbit around our sun. Moreover, since it would be accompanying our sun through space, its position would change very slowly among the other stars. If our companion chanced to be in the extreme southern portion of our sky, its relationship to the sun would be extremely difficult to detect.

—Science Editor

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Dear Science Editor:

I am a comparative newcomer to science-fiction in general and Mystery in Space *in particular. I find your space-adventures especially appealing because of the astronomical information that is interwoven into the stories. Can you recommend a book that would serve as a handy reference guide for further astronomical data that I may be interested in?*

—C. D. H.,
San Francisco, Cal.

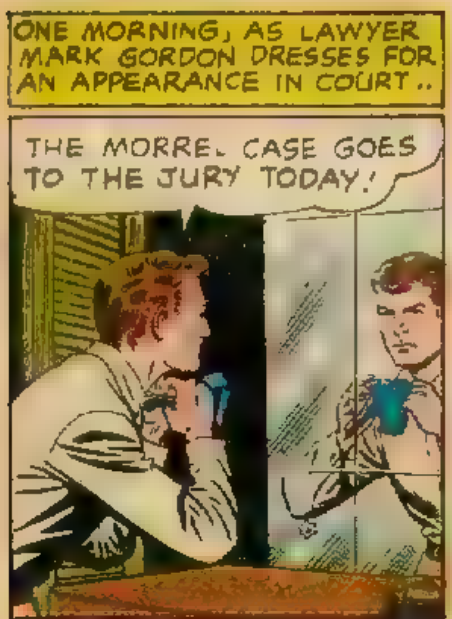
Dear C. D. H.:

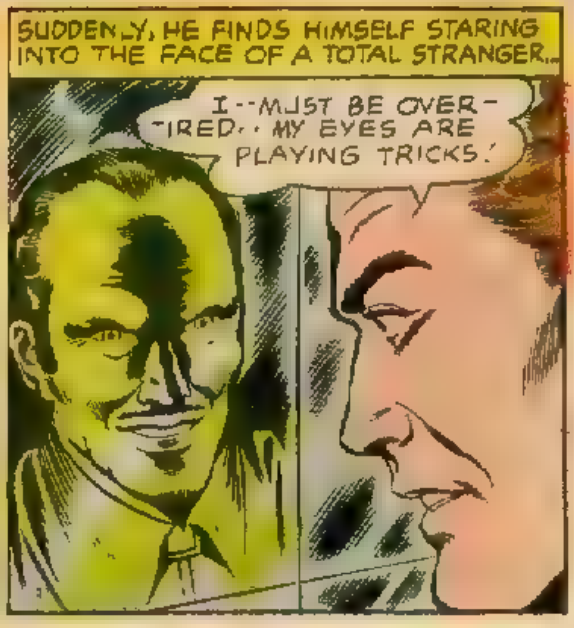
A book ideally suited for your purposes has been recently published by E. P. Dutton. Called *The Space Encyclopedia*, it runs the gamut of astronomy from *A-4* (the German code number for the V-2 rocket bomb) to *Zodiacal Light*—the faintly luminous band that extends to the whole length of the *ecliptic*—and if you don't know what that word means, you can look it up very quickly in the comprehensive book! Exceedingly well illustrated with photographs and drawings, *The Space Encyclopedia* is unqualifiedly recommended to all devotees of *spage*—a contraction of *space age*—a coined word that we expect will soon be incorporated into the English language!

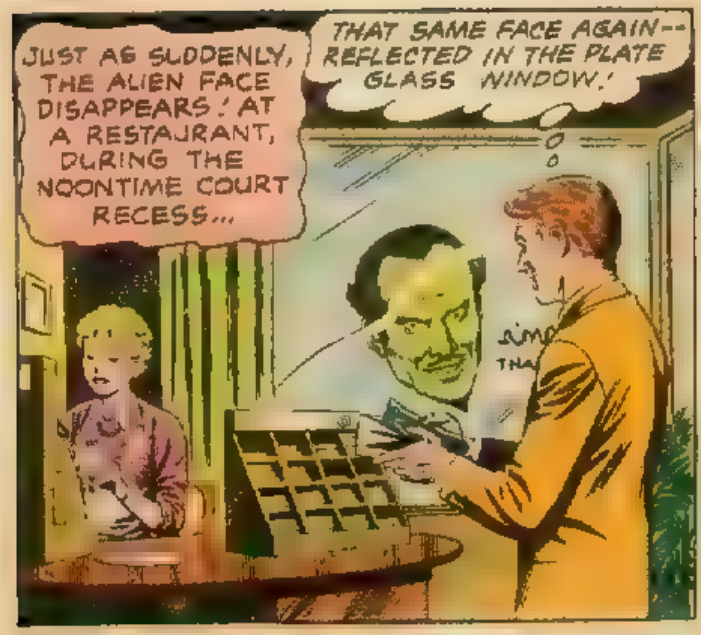
—Science Editor

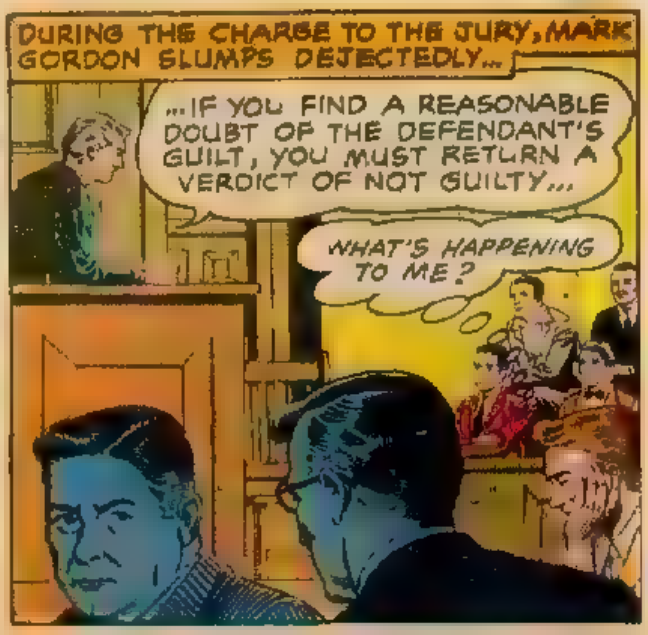
The AMAZING TRIAL of Mark Gordon!

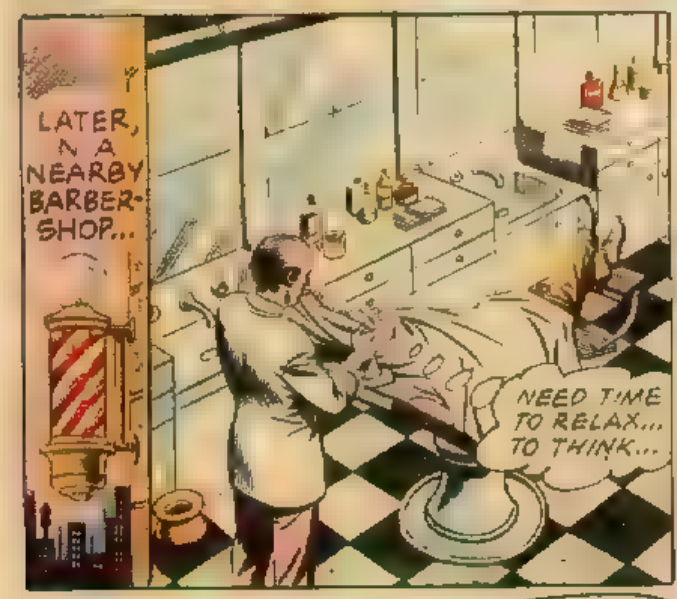
LUR VAN, WE CHARGE YOU IN THIS YEAR 2958 WITH THE CRIME OF SPACE-ROBBERY!
BUT I'M NOT LUR VAN--I'M MARK GORDON OF THE YEAR 1958!
A STRANGE TWIST IN TIME HURLS A 20TH CENTURY LAWYER 1000 YEARS INTO THE FUTURE--WHERE, PLACED ON TRIAL FOR ROBBERY, HE MUST PLEAD HIS CASE AGAINST IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE OF HIS GUILT!

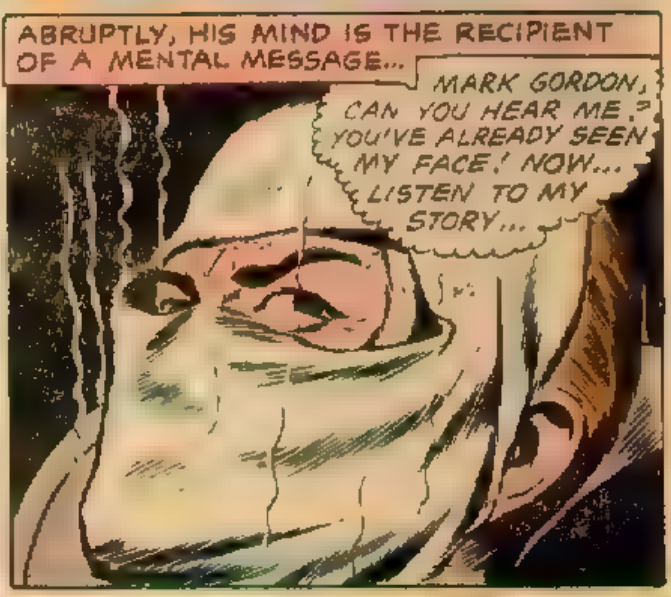


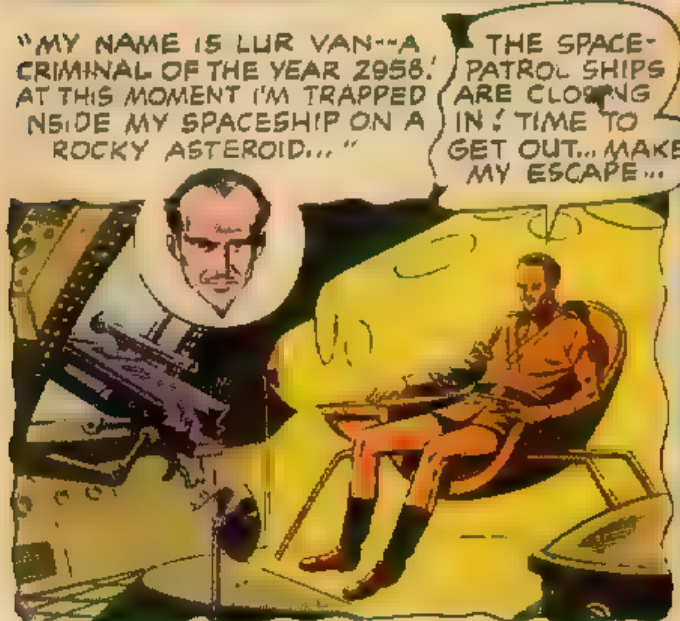


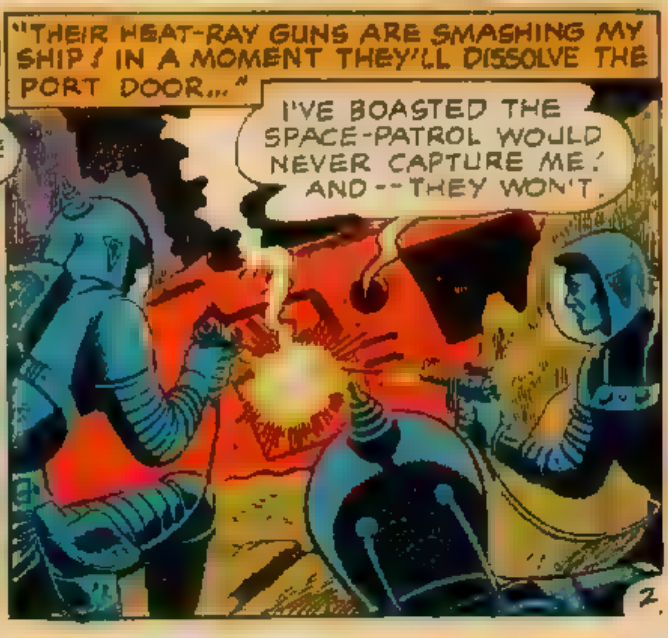

JUST AS SUDDENLY, THE ALIEN FACE DISAPPEARS! AT A RESTAURANT, DURING THE NOONTIME COURT RECESS...
THAT SAME FACE AGAIN--REFLECTED IN THE PLATE GLASS WINDOW!

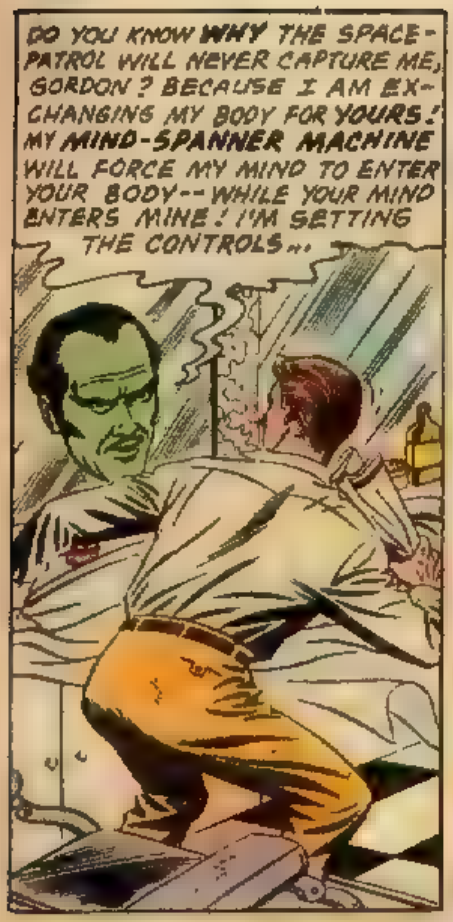

DURING THE CHARGE TO THE JURY, MARK GORDON SLUMPS DEJECTEDLY...
...IF YOU FIND A REASONABLE DOUBT OF THE DEFENDANT'S GUILT, YOU MUST RETURN A VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY...
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?


LATER, IN A NEARBY BARBER-SHOP...
NEED TIME TO RELAX... TO THINK...


ABRUPTLY, HIS MIND IS THE RECIPIENT OF A MENTAL MESSAGE...
MARK GORDON, CAN YOU HEAR ME? YOU'VE ALREADY SEEN MY FACE! NOW... LISTEN TO MY STORY...


"MY NAME IS LUR VAN--A CRIMINAL OF THE YEAR 2958! AT THIS MOMENT I'M TRAPPED INSIDE MY SPACESHIP ON A ROCKY ASTEROID..."
THE SPACE-PATROL SHIPS ARE CLOSING IN! TIME TO GET OUT... MAKE MY ESCAPE...


"THEIR HEAT-RAY GUNS ARE SMASHING MY SHIP! IN A MOMENT THEY'LL DISSOLVE THE PORT DOOR..."
I'VE BOASTED THE SPACE-PATROL WOULD NEVER CAPTURE ME! AND--THEY WON'T.

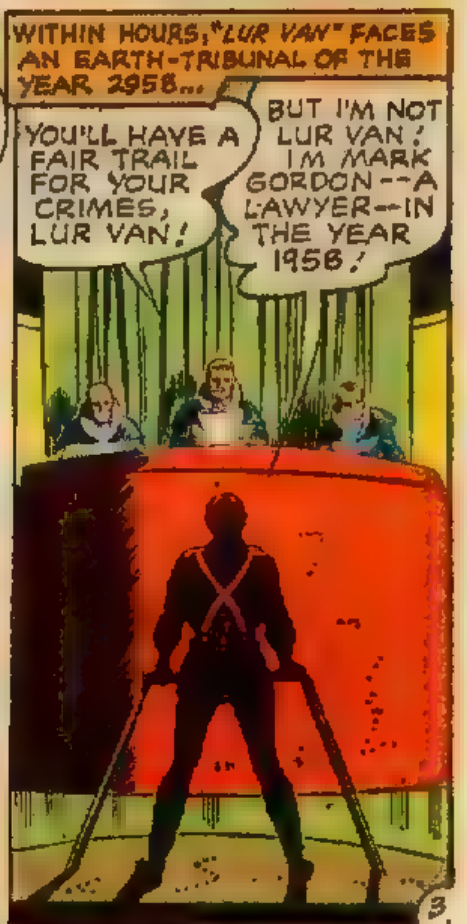

DO YOU KNOW WHY THE SPACE-PATROL WILL NEVER CAPTURE ME, GORDON? BECAUSE I AM EXCHANGING MY BODY FOR YOURS! MY MIND-SPANNER MACHINE WILL FORCE MY MIND TO ENTER YOUR BODY--WHILE YOUR MIND ENTERS MINE! I'M SETTING THE CONTROLS...

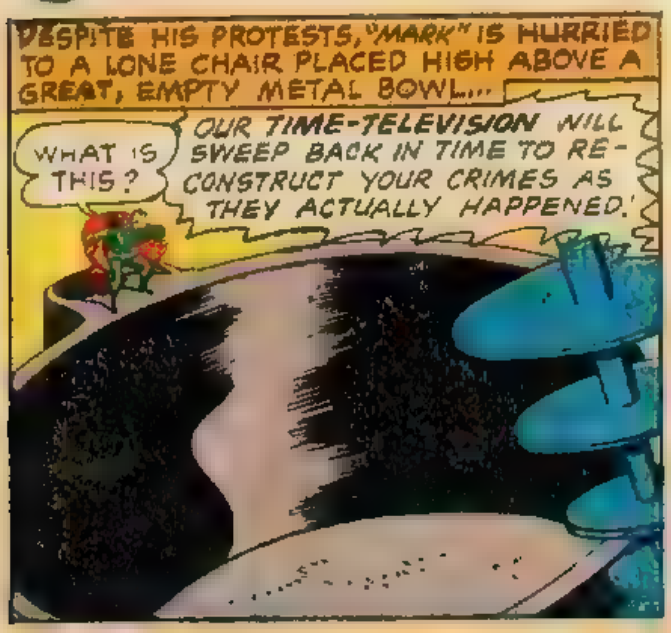
NO! NO! HE'S REACHING THROUGH TO ME--TAKING OVER MY BODY--MY MIND IS BLACKING OUT...!

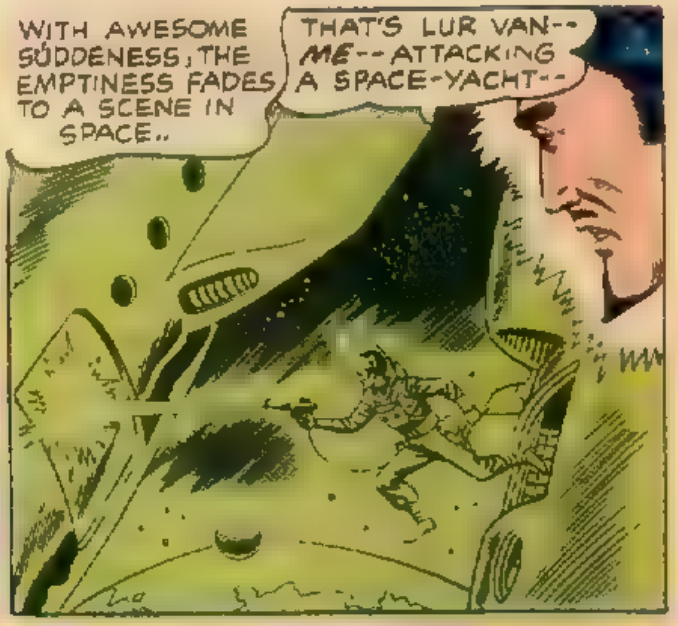
AND WHEN MARK NEXT OPENS HIS EYES...
HE DID IT! THE REAL LUR VAN IS SAFE IN MY BODY IN THE 20TH CENTURY--WHILE I'M TRAPPED IN HIS 30TH CENTURY BODY!

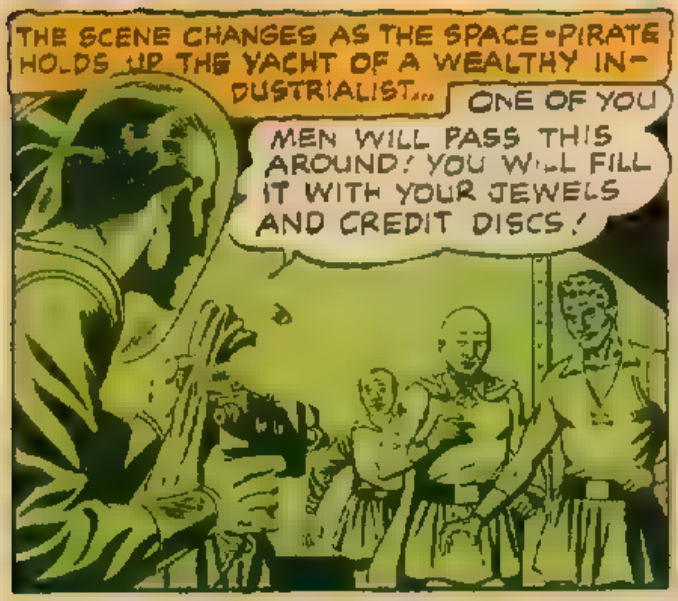
AS THE SPACESHIP DOOR DISSOLVES UNDER A SEARI-RAY, SPACE-PATROLMEN HURTLE FORWARD...
YOU BOASTED WE'D NEVER CAPTURE YOU, LUR VAN?
WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SAY FOR YOURSELF NOW?

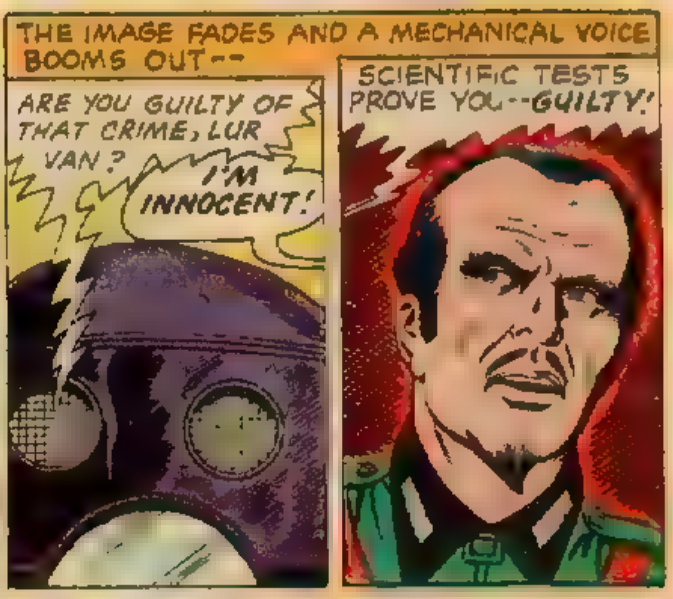
I'M NOT LUR VAN! I'M MARK GORDON FROM THE 20TH CENTURY! LUR VAN DECEIVED YOU--
STILL UP TO YOUR OLD TRICKS, EH, LUR VAN? THEY WON'T WORK! WE'RE TAKING YOU TO EARTH TO FACE TRIAL!

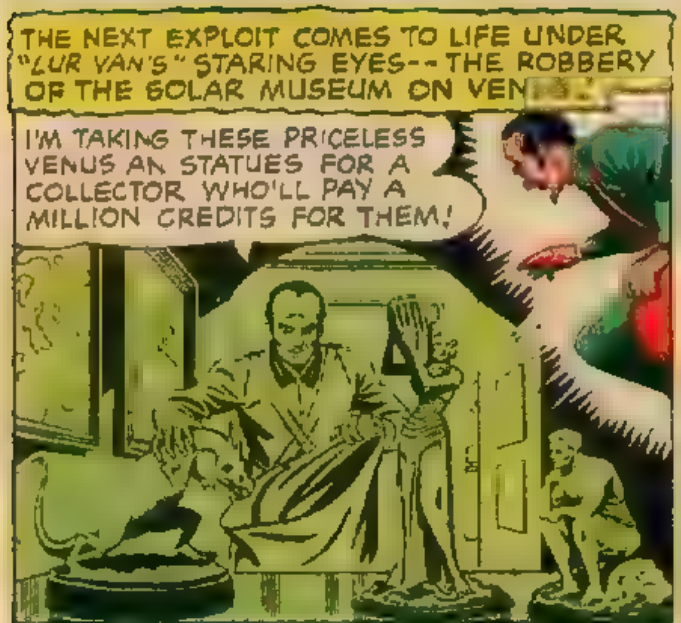

WITHIN HOURS, "LUR VAN" FACES AN EARTH-TRIBUNAL OF THE YEAR 2956...
YOU'LL HAVE A FAIR TRAIL FOR YOUR CRIMES, LUR VAN!
BUT I'M NOT LUR VAN! I'M MARK GORDON--A LAWYER--IN THE YEAR 1956!

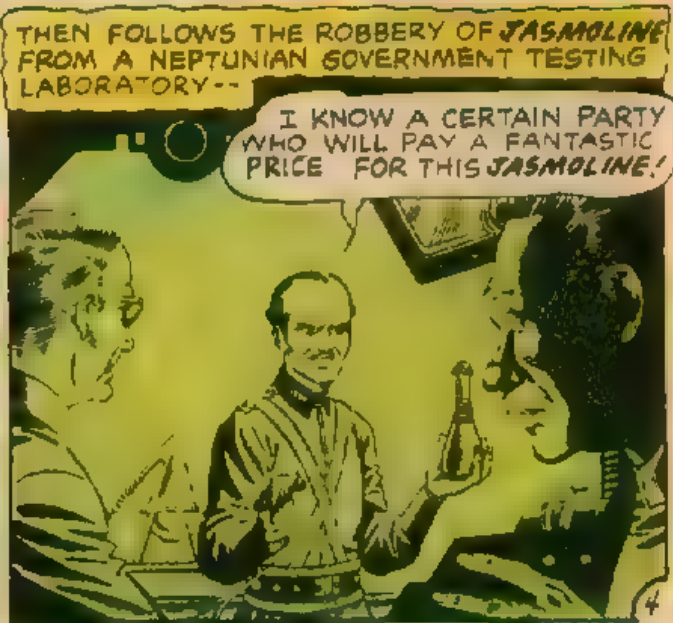

DESPITE HIS PROTESTS, "MARK" IS HURRIED TO A LONE CHAIR PLACED HIGH ABOVE A GREAT, EMPTY METAL BOWL...
WHAT IS THIS?
OUR TIME-TELEVISION WILL SWEEP BACK IN TIME TO RE-CONSTRUCT YOUR CRIMES AS THEY ACTUALLY HAPPENED!

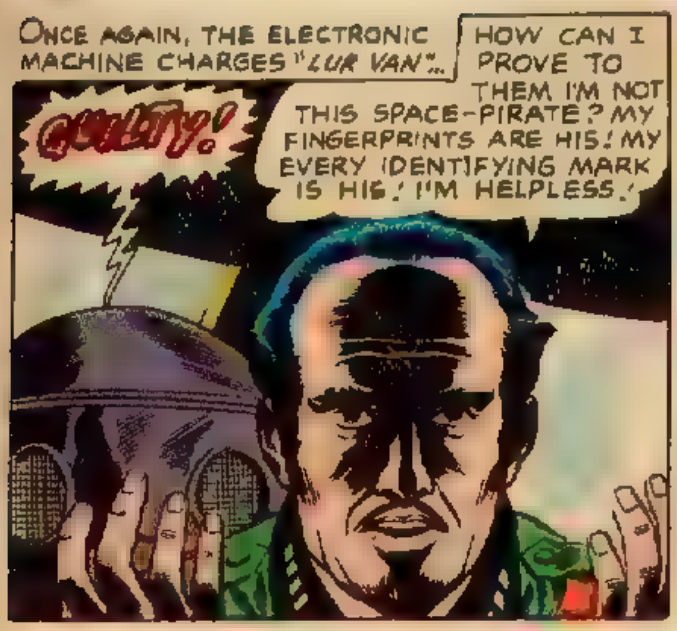

WITH AWESOME SUDDENESS, THE EMPTINESS FADES TO A SCENE IN SPACE..
THAT'S LUR VAN--ME--ATTACKING A SPACE-YACHT--

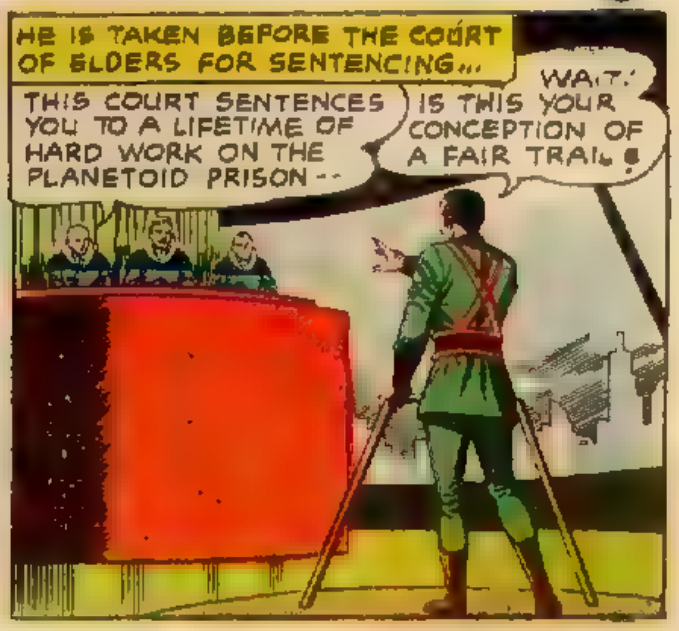

THE SCENE CHANGES AS THE SPACE-PIRATE HOLDS UP THE YACHT OF A WEALTHY INDUSTRIALIST...
ONE OF YOU MEN WILL PASS THIS AROUND! YOU WILL FILL IT WITH YOUR JEWELS AND CREDIT DISCS!

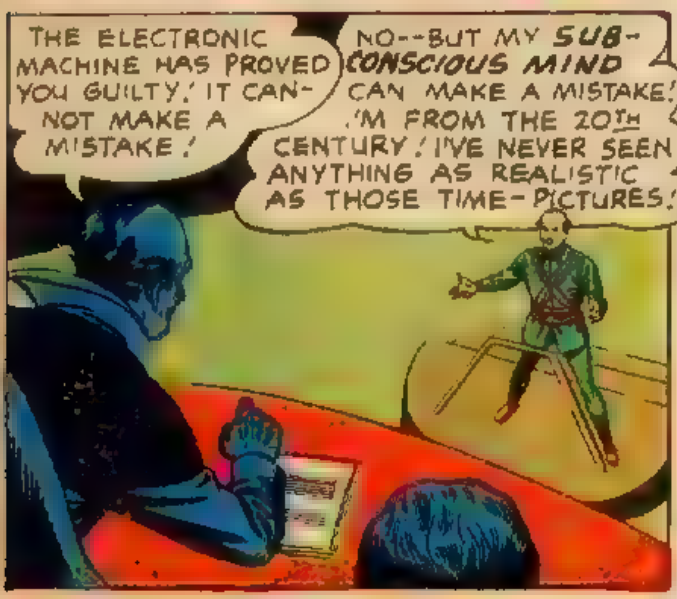

THE IMAGE FADES AND A MECHANICAL VOICE BOOMS OUT--
ARE YOU GUILTY OF THAT CRIME, LUR VAN?
I'M INNOCENT!
SCIENTIFIC TESTS PROVE YOU--GUILTY!

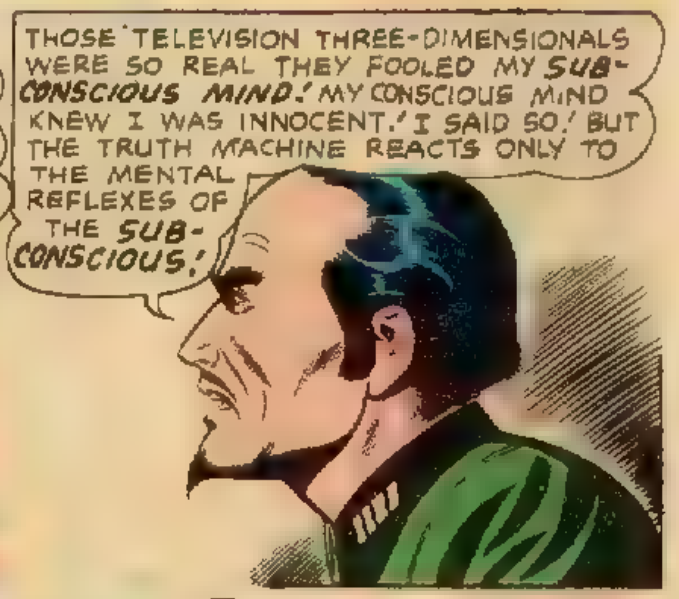

THE NEXT EXPLOIT COMES TO LIFE UNDER "LUR VAN'S" STARING EYES--THE ROBBERY OF THE SOLAR MUSEUM ON VEN
I'M TAKING THESE PRICELESS VENUS AN STATUES FOR A COLLECTOR WHO'LL PAY A MILLION CREDITS FOR THEM!

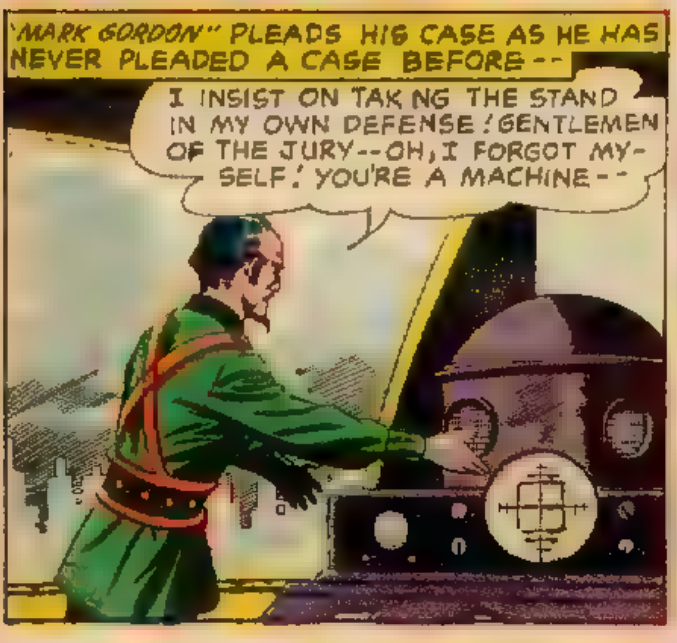

THEN FOLLOWS THE ROBBERY OF JASMOLINE FROM A NEPTUNIAN GOVERNMENT TESTING LABORATORY--
I KNOW A CERTAIN PARTY WHO WILL PAY A FANTASTIC PRICE FOR THIS JASMOLINE!


ONCE AGAIN, THE ELECTRONIC MACHINE CHARGES "LUR VAN"...
HOW CAN I PROVE TO THEM I'M NOT THIS SPACE-PIRATE? MY FINGERPRINTS ARE HIS! MY EVERY IDENTIFYING MARK IS HIS! I'M HELPLESS!
GUILTY!


HE IS TAKEN BEFORE THE COURT OF ELDERS FOR SENTENCING...
THIS COURT SENTENCES YOU TO A LIFETIME OF HARD WORK ON THE PLANETOID PRISON--
WAIT! IS THIS YOUR CONCEPTION OF A FAIR TRIAL?


THE ELECTRONIC MACHINE HAS PROVED YOU GUILTY! IT CANNOT MAKE A MISTAKE!
NO--BUT MY SUB-CONSCIOUS MIND CAN MAKE A MISTAKE! I'M FROM THE 20TH CENTURY! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING AS REALISTIC AS THOSE TIME-PICTURES!


THOSE TELEVISION THREE-DIMENSIONALS WERE SO REAL THEY FOOLED MY SUB-CONSCIOUS MIND! MY CONSCIOUS MIND KNEW I WAS INNOCENT! I SAID SO! BUT THE TRUTH MACHINE REACTS ONLY TO THE MENTAL REFLEXES OF THE SUB-CONSCIOUS!


"MARK GORDON" PLEADS HIS CASE AS HE HAS NEVER PLEADED A CASE BEFORE--
I INSIST ON TAKING THE STAND IN MY OWN DEFENSE! GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY--OH, I FORGOT MYSELF! YOU'RE A MACHINE--

HAVEN'T YOU NEGLECTED THE FACTOR OF REASONABLE DOUBT? IF I--MARK GORDON OF THE YEAR 1958--CAN PROVE MY SUBCONSCIOUS REACTS TO EVERY CRIME AS IT DOES TO THE CRIMES OF LUR VAN--I WILL HAVE SHOWN REASONABLE DOUBT OF MY GUILT!

WE WILL GIVE YOU THAT CHANCE! IF THE MACHINE SAYS YOU ARE GUILTY OF A CRIME WE KNOW WAS COMMITTED BY SOMEONE ELSE--THERE WILL INDEED BE A REASONABLE DOUBT!
BEFORE "LUR VAN'S" ENTRANCED EYES, A DARING HOLDUP OF THE MARTIAN MINT OCCURS...
LUR VAN--ARE YOU INNOCENT OR GUILTY OF THIS CRIME?
I'M INNOCENT!
SCIENTIFIC TESTS PROVE YOU--GUILTY!
FREED BY THE COURT OF ELDERS, "MARK GORDON" IS PLACED INSIDE THE MIND-TRANSMITTING MACHINE FOUND IN LUR VAN'S SPACESHIP..
THROW THE SWITCH TO SEND MY MIND BACK TO ITS RIGHTFUL BODY! IT WILL BE THE FINAL PROOF OF MY CASE!
SO BE IT!
SECONDS LATER...
I'M BACK IN MY OWN TIME-ERA! SOMEHOW THE 20TH CENTURY EARTHMAN BEAT ME, JUST WHEN I FIGURED I WAS SAFE!
YOUR WORDS HAVE BETRAYED YOU, LUR VAN! NOW WE KNOW WE HAVE THE RIGHT PRISONER!
ON EARTH, NEXT DAY...
GLAD TO SEE YOU LOOKING YOURSELF AGAIN, MARK! SEEMED YOU WERE A THOUSAND MILES AWAY THESE PAST FEW DAYS--
NOT A THOUSAND MILES--A THOUSAND YEARS AWAY!
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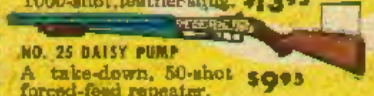

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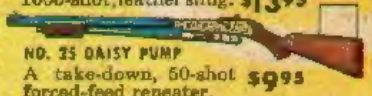

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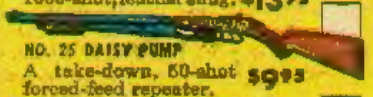

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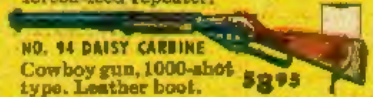

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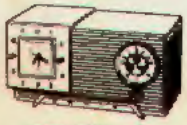

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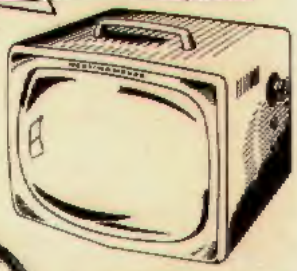

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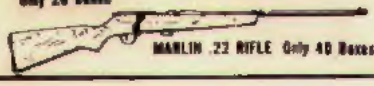

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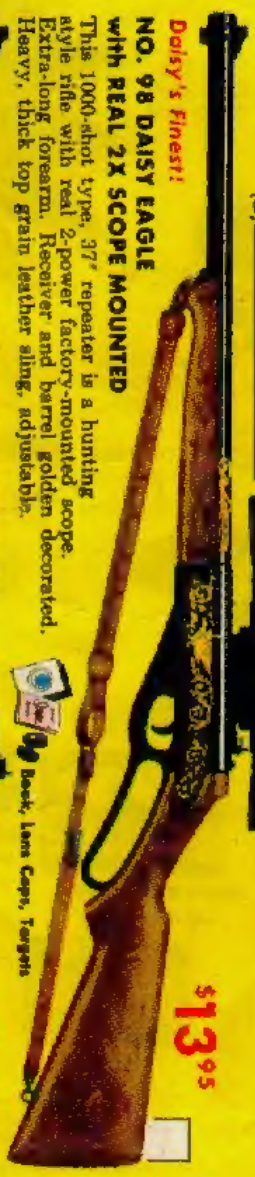

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